

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, November 6

Administration Committee
8:30 a.m., Borough Hall

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Public Safety Committee – Special Executive Session
1:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, November 7

Celebration of First-Time Voters
7:00 p.m., Zone 6 Teen Center

Wednesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 7

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

Thursday, November 8

Food Pantry Distribution
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Community Center

Thursday, November 8

Arts Commission
6:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, November 8

Board of Health
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 10

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., H.P. Community Center

Saturday, November 10

Raices Cultural Center Music Concert Series
6:30 p.m., Reformed Church of Highland Park

Sunday, November 11

Veterans Day Parade
11:00 a.m., Doughboy Monument

Monday, November 12

Veterans Day Holiday
Borough Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 13

International Film Festival – Truman (Rated PG-13)
6:30 p.m., Library

Wednesday, November 13

H.P. Gives a Hoot Committee
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, November 13

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, November 14

Highland Park Housing Authority
6:30 p.m., Samuel J. Kronman Bldg.

Wednesday, November 14

Safe Walking & Cycling Committee
H.P. Community Center

Wednesday, November 14

Shade Tree Advisory
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

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

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Veteran's Day Parade



Help Highland Park remember and honor our veterans by attending the annual Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a ceremony at the Doughboy Monument on Raritan Avenue and goes into New Brunswick to the monument on George Street and Livingston Avenue. For more information please call 732-819-0052. Event is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Veterans Alliance, the Borough of Highland Park, and the City of New Brunswick.

Property Tax Deadlines



As you know, fourth quarter 2018 taxes were due on November 1. Because this is the last payment of the year, it is especially important to get this payment in on time. The grace period, during which residents can remit payment without interest, lasts until Tuesday, November 13.

Please pay all municipal payment balances before November 13, 2018 to avoid additional cost due to late payment (December water and sewer bills are not included in these charges).

*Please note: Municipal charges (taxes, water/sewer, sidewalk assessment and property maintenance violations) paid after November 13, 2018 are required by law to be charged an additional tax sale fee to release a lien against the property due to non-payment. If a property goes to tax sale, the property owner must pay the amount sold, together with all interest and accrued fees, to redeem the lien and avoid the tax sale process. Avoid these extra charges by making your payment on time!

Questions, please contact the Tax Office at 732-819-3788 or email taxclerk@hpboro.com.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change



Borough offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 (Veterans Day). The Garbage collection is as follows for the week of 11/12 – 11/16:

- **Monday (11/12) - Borough Offices Closed**
- Tuesday (11/13) – Business District, North side & Triangle recycling collection
- Wednesday (11/14) – Business District, North side & Triangle garbage collection
- Thursday (11/15) – South side recycling collection
- Friday (11/16) – Business District & South side garbage collection

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to communications@hpboro.com

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Celebration of First-Time Voters Come to Zone 6 Election Night



Election Night, Tuesday November 6th
7:00 to 8:30 PM
@ Zone 6/ the Teen Center
600 Benner Street

Featuring Videos, Speakers, Refreshments, and more!

Speakers:

- Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler
- Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Highland Park Public Schools
- Jill Spector-Lewis, Co-President - Greater New Brunswick League of Women Voters
- Ashley Haley-Lock, Highland Park High School Senior

Voting gives teens a voice in the issues that affect them - - funding for public schools; the availability of student aid for higher education; keeping guns out of schools; responding to a changing environment; the availability of well-paying jobs; whether or not to revive a military draft; and many other matters.

Let's recast first-time voting as the beginning of a life-time habit.

HPTV Highlights for November 2018

Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers)
Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers)



Monday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
8:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
12:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
12:30 p.m. – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update
1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings
2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Spotlight on Middlesex County
2:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. – Access New Jersey
3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – Not Just Rock & Roll

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
3:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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4:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

DECA's Event Was A Dashing Success

by Olivia Parker, Chair of the Mayor's Teen Advisory Council



On October 21st, 120 people participated in the Amazing DECA Dash, a town-wide scavenger hunt in Highland Park organized by HP HS students that promotes local businesses and community service. The event started at the high school, with thirty groups of four people each given clues that led them to various locations throughout the town. The event was walking only, and required the groups to complete fun challenges like stuffing a scarecrow, completing puzzles, and writing postcards for the veterans.

The first place winners were Juhee Jeong '19, Larkin Xu '19, Elizabeth Telysheva '19, and Zane Wilkerson '19. Their prize was an assortment of gift cards to local Highland Park business, like Okie-Pokie, 418 Burgers, Apostos and others with a total value of \$100!



A large portion of the proceeds were donated to two different charitable organizations: Wounded Warriors, which provides support to injured veterans, and K9 for Warriors, which supplies service animals to veterans with PTSD. In total, the event raised close to \$1,500, and over 100 handwritten postcards for veterans were made in one of the challenges.

Sponsorships from local Highland Park businesses like Blue Horse, All American Towing, and Pinos helped make this event possible. Also, all the places that allowed DECA to use their space were essential in making the race a success.

This event was organized by student coordinators Maria Rahi '19, Stella Draper '20, and myself (Olivia Parker '21). The event also would not have succeeded without the help from DECA advisors Mrs. Harper, Ms. Chirco, and Mr. Harper, as well as volunteers.

The Amazing DECA Dash received raving reviews from the racers. Matthew Parker, a participant who placed third in the race, said, "I had a lot of fun. The challenges were very creative, and my favorite was at OQ Coffee. We each had a spoon and bent down to scoop up coffee beans. We transported them to another table to fill up that bowl. When we dropped some, we had to restart! I loved that the event was to support a good cause, the Wounded Warriors. Given the success of this Amazing Deca Dash, the DECA club is looking into conducting it again next year.

This story is an abridged version of a longer story, printed in the Highland Park High School's Highland Park Fling newsletter. Thank you to Olivia Parker for granting us permission to use this article in the eNews.