

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, November 19

Commission for Universal Access
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 20

Finance Committee
5:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

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

Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23

Thanksgiving Holiday
Borough Offices Closed

Saturday, November 24

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.,
Highland Park Community Center

Monday, November 26

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

Tuesday, November 27

Memoir Writing Workshop
6:30 p.m., Library

Tuesday, November 27

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

Wednesday, November 28

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 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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Memo from Mayor Brill Mittler:



I write to advise you about a time-sensitive safety concern regarding our Borough's trees. A destructive insect called the Emerald Ash Borer is attacking Ash trees throughout New Jersey. This invasive pest has eliminated the entire Ash population everywhere it spreads. All Ash trees are susceptible and will die within five years of infestation.

Highland Park has identified 73 street trees on public property as Ash trees on public property and our Department of Public Works is already actively involved with their removal.

If you have an Ash tree on your property, now is the time to act! An untreated Ash tree left on your property will inevitably become weak and hazardous as brittle branches drop from the top of the tree. If an infested tree is left in place, the insect can continue to thrive and infest other trees. And once the effects of the disease are visible as the crown dies back, removing the tree becomes dramatically more expensive.

There are two possible courses of action. One is chemical treatment to preserve a valued individual tree, but only if you start while the tree is still healthy. Professional arborists must apply specific pesticides every two or three years for the life of the tree.

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Garbage collection schedule change for the week of Thanksgiving



Borough offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. Garbage collection is as follows for the week of 11/19 – 11/23:

- Monday (11/19) - Business District, North Side & Triangle household garbage collection
 - Tuesday (11/20) - Bagged Leaves collection
 - Wednesday (11/21) - Business District & South Side household garbage collection
 - Thursday (11/22) - Thanksgiving Day - Closed
 - Friday (11/23) - Day after Thanksgiving - Closed
- NO recycling collection this week due to holiday schedule.***

Other important upcoming dates:

- Wednesday (12/5) - Business District, North Side & Triangle *bulk trash collection*
- Wednesday (12/12) - South Side *bulk trash collection*

For a list of acceptable items, go to: <https://goo.gl/3uF1G1>.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works for clarification- 732-514-1277. Please note: All of these shifts to the normal weekly pick-up were announced earlier in the DPW annual garbage collection/recycling schedule for 2018.

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 Park in top 5 of "50 safest places to live in NJ"

A November 11th story in the New Brunswick's Patch.com news publication reported on the results of SafeWise.com's annual fall listing of "50 safest places to live in New Jersey." SafeWise compiles its list by assessing FBI crime data.

The SafeWise.com 2018 listing placed Highland Park as the 4th safest city in New Jersey, preceded by River Vale, Bernards, and Warren townships. The SafeWise study noted that Highland Park had a violent crimes rate of 0.07 per 1,000 residents, a property crimes rate of 12.48 per 1,000 residents, and total crimes ratio of 0.56% violent, 99.44% property.

The Mayor and Borough Council thank our Police Department, and everyone who follows the federal government's advice to "See Something, Say Something," for their continued vigilance and all their efforts to keep our residents safe.

To see the Patch.com news report, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y9esfweb>.

HP TV - Services Overview & recruitment meeting

Wednesday November 28, 2018
7:30 - 9:00 pm
Lower Level Conference Room
Highland Park Borough Hall
221 South 5th Ave.



HP TV offers unparalleled opportunities for civic minded residents to witness local government in action, up-close; to record & broadcast municipal meetings and local events for the benefit of the entire community; to help create the historical record of Highland Park, NJ and to provide basic training for people interested in video production, and an outlet for broadcast of their work.

Join us as Gary Leslie, volunteer station manager of HP TV, shares an overview of the many activities of HP TV and discusses opportunities for involvement.

Let us help you get rid of those leaves



The Borough provides free leaf bags in November and December (up to 20 per property). Leaf bags can be picked up at the Department of Public Works, 444 Valentine Street.

For more information, please visit the Borough website at <http://hpboro.com/index.aspx?nid=93>.

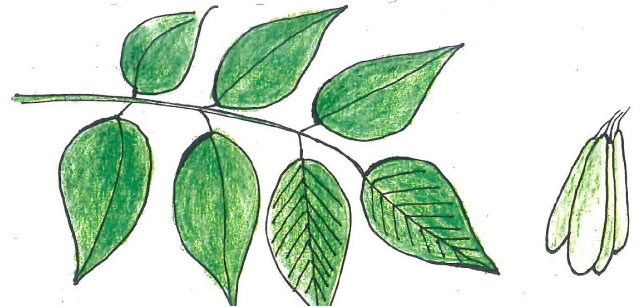
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The other approach is to remove the tree. Ash trees should be removed between November and April. To remove a tree, you must apply for a permit as usual, but the Borough is waiving the permit fee and also the requirement that you replant or pay for replacement trees. We strongly encourage residents to plant one or more replacement trees of a different species.

For removal or treatment, please consult a Licensed Tree Expert. A listing for Middlesex County can be found at www.njtreeexperts.org.

For information on how to identify Ash trees, go to www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov.

For more information on how the Borough is addressing this matter, please contact Highland Park Public Information Officer, Harry Glazer, at 732-819-3781.



Ash tree leaves are compound:
5 to 9 leaflets on a stem.

Ash tree seeds are
grouped in bundles.

Small Business Weekend in downtown Highland Park - Saturday, November 24 & Sunday, November 25

All weekend long throughout downtown Highland Park, we will be participating in Small Business Saturday & Sunday, celebrated every year on the weekend after Thanksgiving as an alternative to big-box shopping on "Black Friday." Shoppers are encouraged to "shop small" and patronize downtown bricks-and-mortar businesses! Support your downtown!

Activities include:

* FREE #HPMade #ShopSmall tote bags to the first 2,000 downtown shoppers. The bags will be filled with coupons & promotional items from Highland Park businesses - be sure to use them for all your shopping this holiday season!



* Central Jersey Pop-Up Flea Market, both Saturday & Sunday

* Guest vendors, including Capsaicin Chiles, all weekend at Through the Moongate & Over the Moon Toys

* The Grand Opening celebration of The Cook & The Carpenter Bakeshop on Saturday at 6pm

* Downtown Tree Lighting at 6pm on Saturday, including music from Amandala and Philomusica Concert Choir, and a visit from Santa who will be riding to town on a fire truck with the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department!

* A free screening of the movie *Strange Brew* in the Highland Park Indoor Movie Theater at Pino's on Sunday at 7pm

* Food trucks! Including House of Cupcakes, The French Quarter- A Taste of New Orleans LLC, Fantastic Thai Restaurant, Cheese Between, and Kettle Corn King

... and more!