

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 22

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, February 23

Stretch With the Mayor
7:30-8am, Kinetics Flow, 409 Raritan Ave

Thursday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 23

Meditation Circle with Bobbie Ellis
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Saturday, February 25

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

Monday, February 27

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

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

Art Book Workshop with Aimee Pollack
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

Stretch with the Mayor
7:30-8am, Kinetics Flow, 409 Raritan Ave

Thursday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 2

Redevelopment Agency
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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Council Update from Councilwoman Elsie Foster-Dublin



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As the liaison to our Public Safety teams, I am proud to report on their many accomplishments this past year.

The Highland Park Police Department responded to almost 19,000 calls for service this year. In order to better serve our diverse residents, every officer received cultural sensitivity training in the African American culture, LGBTQ community, and Southeast Asian women's culture. These are in addition to a number of previous training sessions for a variety of cultures and ethnicities.

We were sorry to bid farewell to two veteran Police Officers. Sergeant Joseph Olarra Sr. retired in June after 25 years of service, and Captain Scott Golden retired in December, after 31 years of service. We wish them both the best of luck. On the other hand, we hired three new police officers; Officer Sade Edens, Officer Bryant Fitzgerald (grandson of retired HPPD Officer Eveleen Fitzgerald), and Officer Joseph Olarra, Jr. (son of retired Officer Joseph Olarra Sr.). In addition, we added two new bicycles to our police fleet, which, in addition to our motorcycle patrol and periodic walking beats, help officers better interact with the public on a more personable and approachable level.

Our Junior Cadet Police Academy, a one week program for students in 6th – 9th grade, was a huge success this past summer. Our Youth Officer, Joe Curbelo, taught students police procedures and enabled the kids to interact with officers in a comfortable environment.

Finally, this past year the HPPD acquired 18 body cameras, partially funded through a grant, and all of our patrol vehicles were equipped with dash cameras.

Our other First Responders also had successful years. Our First Aid Squad, with 35 members, responded to over 1,000 calls, including 5 CPR saves, and was present at several significant fires in Highland Park.

Our Fire Department added 3 new members as well this past year, and responded to over 500 calls, including 7 large fires in the community.

Our OEM (Office of Emergency Management) is in the process of obtaining an SUV vehicle to transport our CERT team members (Citizen Emergency Response Team), at no cost to the Borough. The CERT team assisted our First Responders during 2 major fires, and helped with security at events throughout the year.

I want to thank all of the members of our Public Safety teams for their dedication and excellent service to our community. We look forward to continued growth in the future.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows for the week of 2/20 – 2/25;

- Tuesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- Wednesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- Thursday – South Side Recycling Collection
- Friday – 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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Highland Marks

Highland Park resident Monica Driscoll, a distinguished professor of molecular biology and biochemistry at Rutgers University's School of Arts and Sciences, recently published a study about Alzheimer's disease in Nature magazine. The study noted a possible link between neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's to defective brain cells disposing toxic proteins that are making other brain cells sick. The study could have major implications in learning how the disease spreads in the brain. Driscoll attended Rutgers University, and received a Ph.D in biochemistry and molecular biology from Harvard University.

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

The Main Street Minute

Run or Walk the Highland Park 5k & Kids Races! Sunday May 7, 9:00 am

The Highland Park 5k race is back for its 9th year! Come take a run around Highland Park, all for great causes. Race proceeds to benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, and Recreation departments; the Highland Park Public Library; and Main Street Highland Park. Online registration can be found here: <http://runinthepark.org/>.

Want to Sponsor the 5k?

The Highland Park 5k race proceeds benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, and Recreation departments; the Highland Park Public Library; and Main Street Highland Park. There are a number of sponsorship levels available. Please consider being an event sponsor! More information here: <http://runinthepark.org/sponsor>

Save the Date for the Annual HP "Spring Fling" Street Fair Sunday May 7, 2016, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Annual Highland Park Spring Fling Street Fair is one of Highland Park's signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, inflatable rides, and more. Admission is free!

We want Highland Park-based businesses and organizations to be vendors at this great festival that attracts thousands of people downtown. Vendor applications can be found at <https://goo.gl/zrXThH>.

Learn more about these events and more at www.mainstreethp.org or www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP.



H.P. Seniors celebrated Valentines day with a luncheon on February 14 at the Senior/Youth Center. Members of GLOW (Growth and Learning Outside Walls) held a trivia contest and gave prizes to the Seniors.



4th Grade Bartle school students visited Borough Hall on Thursday, March 16 where they had the opportunity to meet our Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, Council President Susie Welkovits and other Borough employees including the Fire and Police Departments to learn what it takes to run the Borough.

Highland Park Announces

"2017 Park Partners Community Grant" Winners

Highland Park, NJ – Now in its fourth year, Highland Park's "Park Partners Community Grant" program held its most successful voting session on February 12th. More than 300 residents braved the rain to come out and vote for their favorite programs. A record 17 applications were received, and many of the categories were decided by only a few votes. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everybody who participated in the program, and to all the residents who voted.

This year's winners include:

- **Arts: Outdoor Movie Theater** (Program will present movies on Saturday night in the municipal lot throughout the spring and summer.)
- **Universal Access/Health & Wellness: EduCutHunger** (Program will educate community about food insecurity and teach residents how to help resolve it.)
- **Safety: The Cave Afterschool Program** (Grant will help this program purchase safe gym supplies, games, and other supplies for the children who attend this afterschool program.)
- **Culture & Diversity: OQ Community Gallery and Arts Events** (Program will help expand the local coffee shop's art gallery. It will include art shows and game night featuring diverse artwork from local and nearby artists, and cultural events and activities throughout the year.)
- **Environment: Raices EcoCulture Sustainable Living Workshop Series** (Program will hold 8 interactive workshops for the community to learn about sustainability, environment and ecology.)

Highland Park Wins Healthy Town Award

Highland Park was awarded the 2016 Mayors Wellness Campaign Healthy Town to Watch award! The award recognizes the Borough's commitment to health and wellness among its residents and employees.

Highland Park was recognized for our strong Mayor's Wellness Campaign, including our recent designation as the first HeartSafe Municipality in New Jersey, our ongoing Walk and Fitness with the Mayor sessions, our HPTV Celebrity Chef healthy cooking program, our employee wellness programs, and more.

The Borough is committed to improving the health and wellness of all of our residents and employees. This award was presented by the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute.

Chopin Meets Joplin Meets Jazz:

An Evening of Music at Highland Park Public Library Thursday, March 9, 7:00 PM

Roy Eaton, a classical American pianist who won the first Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Award, will perform an evening of Jazz. He made his concert debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performing Chopin's F Minor Concerto. Roy Eaton's return to the concert stage has been marked by an increasing focus on the spiritual dimension of music by composers as diverse as Chopin and Joplin. If you were a child in the 1960s you might remember his Texaco and Beefaroni jingles. He is currently on the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music.