

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, April 3

Friends of the Library Meeting
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, April 4

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

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Palisades Poets
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, April 5

Bulk Trash Collection
North Side, Triangle & Business District

Wednesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 6

Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure Screening
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Thursday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 6

Redevelopment Agency
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Friday, April 7

Afternoon at the Movies: Moana (PG)
1:30 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, April 12

Housing Authority Board
6:30 p.m., Samuel J. Kronman Building

Wednesday, April 12

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

Thursday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 13

The Publishing of a Novel - Tisha Benda
7:00p.m., Public Library

Friday, April 14

Good Friday
Borough Offices Closed

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 Councilman Philip George



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As we enter the spring of 2017, this administration continues to manage our Borough's business responsibly and creatively. We welcome Stephany Kim as she fills the position vacated by Jim Walsh as he pursues increased national responsibility for clean water advocacy. The Council recently shifted responsibilities, and I am happy to be the liaison to the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Arts Commission.

During the recent Nor'easter which struck with snow, then rain, then sleet and a snap freeze, our DPW worked diligently to plow the roads, completing the plowing within a few hours after the last snowfall. Plowing was complicated due to the weight of the snow and from residents shoveling snow into the streets, but we appreciate their hard work making our roads safe as quickly as possible.

Many know that our town is home to a number of professional artists, but since taking on the liaison position to the Arts Commission in Highland Park, I've learned that this community is home to musicians, composers and artists in many fields. The Arts Commission has been re-energized and is headed by Pandora Scooter; all the members are active and engaged within the broader art community. Already, they have sponsored a spoken word performance workshop lead by professional artist, and a book-making presentation at the Library which was over-enrolled!

The Arts Commission, in partnership with the Mason Gross School at Rutgers, the State University, and the Middlesex County Parks Department, is sponsoring an outdoor sculpture display at the Environmental Center and Johnson Park. Graduate students at Mason Gross will create large-scale sculptures for display, beginning in late April through the summer months. We hope this will become an annual and expanded art program.

Working with the informal Art Collective group in town, the Open Studio tour will again be presented in June. Several exhibitions are planned this year, feeding the desire for art in our downtown fueled by the Art Walk, which began this past autumn with the cooperation of our downtown merchants. And the Arts Commission is planning several events along Woodbridge Avenue to fill in the corners of town everywhere with the art movement, which has been found to be a major feeder for Downtown Development.

The Senior and Recreation Departments are also emphasizes art, by offering weekly art classes offers, which are popular with residents. These departments now offer more programs for all ages than ever before, including sports, exercise, life-skills, and health and wealth presentations. Our Senior and Recreation professionals are providing all this at reasonable and affordable cost to all who wish to participate, reiterating the Borough's goals of providing expanded services while focusing on cost management.

Thank you to all our Borough family for these efforts.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows for the week of 4/10 – 4/14;

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

-SAVE THE DATE -

Earth Day Celebration

Sun. April 23 from 11 AM-3 PM

Environmental Education Center (20 River Road)

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 History Maker

Highland Park History Maker is a special column for 2017 featuring some famous and notable Highland Park natives or residents, past and present. Of course, we are proud of all of our residents' accomplishment (big and small), and we will continue to recognize current achievements in our Highland Marks column.



Israel Moiseevich Gelfand – (September 2, 1913 – October 5, 2009) was a mathematician from the Ukraine. He is considered to be one of the greatest mathematicians of the 20th century, having made major contributions to many areas of mathematics. This was a remarkable achievement for someone who skipped high school and college, and started his postgraduate studies at age 19. Gelfand won numerous awards, including the Kyoto Prize, given for significant contributions to the scientific, cultural and spiritual betterment of mankind. He was awarded the Order of Lenin three times, and was elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Society in 1977. Aside from his contributions to math, he is also known for organizing two world known seminars, and he published over 800 papers and 30 books. Gelfand was married twice, and had three sons (one of whom passed away) and a daughter. In 1990 he taught at Rutgers University, living in Highland Park until his death in 2009, at age 96.

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

HPTV Highlights for April 2017

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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8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

-SAVE THE DATE -

Run, Walk, or Roll in the Highland Park 5k & Kids Races!
Sunday May 7, 9:00 am
Sign up at www.runinthepark.org.

Congressman Pallone Speaks in Highland Park



Congressman Frank Pallone held his 6th District Town Hall meeting in Highland Park on March 26, at the Senior/Youth Center. Over 300 people attended the event, during which Congressman Pallone talked with residents about a number of issues, including the latest developments in Washington, D.C.

Thank you to Congressman Pallone for the enlightening discussion, and thank you to all the residents and visitors who attended the meeting.

Highland Park's First Unity Celebration a Huge Success



Highland Park held its first ever Unity Celebration on Sunday, March 26, 2017. It featured dozens of children from the various schools throughout the Borough singing, reading poems they wrote, and dancing. More than 100 children, parents, grandparents and residents came out for the event, which celebrated unity in Highland Park's diverse community.

Performers included student singers, dancers, and poets, who focused their work on the theme of unity. The Kindergarten and First Grade at the Irving School, creative writing students from the Highland Park Middle School, GLOW (Growth and Learning Outside Walls) High School students, children from the Be.You.Dance Center, and dancer Jordan Jackson, whose mom, Monica Jackson, is a Borough employee, participated in the event. Following the performances, the children joined local musician Mr. Ray (Ray Andersen) onstage, while the entire crowd joined together to sing Andersen's new song, "Stand in Unity". Andersen wrote the song exclusively for Highland Park.

Thank you to all the participants, and to everyone who came out for the event. We look forward to planning other unity events in the future.

Bartle School Awarded Learnscape Grant



Bartle Elementary School has been awarded a grant from the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation of Excellence in Education to establish an Outdoor Learnscape. The Learnscape, located in the school courtyard, includes learning zones such as a reading nook, garden, agricultural area, and a lecture and discussion area.

The project aims to become a research project for students to conduct research on various plantings, and also aims to establish a high-tech model weather station to provide data reports on temperature, wind speed/direction, humidity, barometric pressure, and more.

In January the students and staff held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Learnscape. They have already completed the installation of wheelchair accessible table benches and an accessible pathway through the length of the Learnscape area, as well as refurbished the water source, developed a planting design, started to create art projects for decoration, and ordered furnishings.

Congratulations on the grant, which will benefit students for many years to come!