

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, June 5

Try a Pod: Intro to Podcast Listening
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, June 6

Sustainable Living Workshop Series: Herbal Healing
6:00 p.m., Environmental Education Center

Wednesday, June 7

Bulk Trash Collection: North side, Triangle &
Business District

Wednesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

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

Thursday, June 8

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

Thursday, June 8

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

Thursday, June 8

Meditation Circle
7:00 p.m., Library

Thursday, June 8

Rabies Clinic
7:00 p.m., Public Works Garage

Sunday, June 11

Open Studio Event

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

Bulk Trash: South Side

Wednesday, June 14

Housing Authority
6:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, June 14

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

Thursday, June 15

Life Saving Community Blood Drive of NJ Blood Services
12:00 p.m., Public Library

Thursday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 18

Highland Park Celebrates Our Birds
9:00 a.m., Environmental Education Center

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

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Memo from Councilman Josh Fine



In 2017, as Chair of the Finance Committee, I have had the great opportunity to work with volunteers who are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our wonderful Borough.

In January, the Finance Standing Committee introduced, and the Borough Council adopted, a resolution to establish a Shared Services Commission. Former Highland Park Mayor Stephen Nolan was appointed to serve as Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission Members are Highland Park Board of Ed President Darcie Cimarusti, the Highland Park Public School District's Business Administrator Linda Hoefele, Police Chief Stephen Rizco, Department of Public Works Superintendent Don Rish, Library Executive Director Jane Stanley, Housing Authority Executive Director Donna Brightman, Assistant Borough CFO Gabriel Paul, and Highland Park residents Phyllis Goldstein, and Dr. Marc Scheiner. The purpose of the Shared Services Commission is to make recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council regarding potential revenue and savings opportunities for Highland Park to pursue.

In February, the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Committee met, and voted to recommend to the Mayor and Council how to allocate the \$58,567 in federal funds that Highland Park will receive in 2017 through the CDBG. The CDBG Committee voted to fund HP Gives a Hoot (\$4,000), Façade Improvement on Raritan Avenue (\$5,000), the Teen Center (\$7,000), Summer Camp Program (\$9,765), Teen Youth Programming and Outreach (\$7,765), Senior Outreach (\$9,765), Senior Medical Transportation (\$6,636), Senior Outreach Senior (In-Town) Transportation (\$6,636), and the Food Pantry (\$2,000). The Council adopted the CDBG Committee's recommendations.

The Library Board of Trustees and its Chair, Bruce Tucker, continue to work to ensure that the Highland Park Free Public Library is one of the Borough's greatest resources. In March, the Library announced the addition of Hoopla Digital to the services it offers. Hoopla Digital is a digital media service through which provides library card holders with the ability to enjoy nearly half a million titles in the following formats: Movies, TV, Music Albums, eAudiobooks, eBooks, and Comics/Graphic Novels. With Hoopla Digital there are no hold lists, and library card holders may borrow up to four (4) titles per month. Also, the Annual Friends of Library Book Sale, which was recently held, successfully raised \$8,499.

The Digital Data Task Force, led by its Chair, Seton Hall Professor Dr. Matthew Hale, has been working on determining which smart city technologies should be introduced in Highland Park to enhance our residents experience with municipal government and in the Highland Park community. Two ideas that the Digital Data Task Force hopes will come to fruition in Highland Park this summer are Highland Park Smart City Hub and Alexa Comes to Highland Park.

In February, the Digital Data Task Force met with the Executive Director of the non-profit New Brunswick Office of Innovation Brendan Kaplan, who developed an open source alternative, a kiosk that will provide information about both municipal and community events within Highland Park, which the Task Force refers to as the HP Smart City Hub. The kiosks were originally developed for New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Office of Innovation has expressed interest in giving the code away for free to Highland Park.

In May, the Digital Data Task Force decided that Alexa Comes to Highland Park should become a reality in Highland Park. Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58, interested in coding, and looking to earn a merit badge, trained Amazon Alexa to give people directions around Highland Park's Borough Hall and to answer frequently asked questions about the offices at Borough Hall. Alexa Comes to Highland Park is scheduled to be installed in Borough Hall in June.

I remain committed to enhancing the quality of life of Highland Park residents, and exploring ways to stabilize property taxes, encouraging mixed use development in Downtown Highland Park, and focusing on preservation to protect our environment.

Please feel free to contact me at via email at finejoshhp@gmail.com, by phone at 646-342-0667, and follow me on twitter at <https://twitter.com/joshfinehp>.

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



Samuel G. Freedman (October 1955) is an award-winning author and journalist. He was a staff reporter for *The New York Times* from 1981-1987, and he currently writes the column "On Religion" in that newspaper. Freedman is also a professor at Columbia University of Journalism. In 1997, Freedman was named the nation's outstanding journalism educator by the Society of Professional Journalists. He is a board member of the Jewish Book Council and Religion News Service. Freedman holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which he received in May 1977. Freedman was raised in Highland Park, and currently lives in New York with his wife, Christia Chana Blomquist, and his two children.

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



Join the Highland Park Housing Authority on Friday, June 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for an indoor Garage Sale at the Samuel Kronman Building located at 242 South 6th Ave.

HPTV Highlights for June 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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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

Heartsaver Award for the Borough

The Borough of Highland Park has been awarded a New Jersey American Heartsavers and Stroke Heroes Award from the American Heart Association (AHA) and American Stroke Association (ASA).

The Borough received this award for our efforts to strengthen the Chain of Survival, a project led by the Mayor's Wellness Campaign (MWC) and its Chair, Dr. Clifton Lacy. Our goal to become the first HeartSafe Community in New Jersey, which was achieved in February 2017, included adding heart defibrillators in all public municipal buildings, as well as CPR and defibrillator training for employees and residents. As a result of these additions and programs, we were also recognized by the AHA and ASA.

The Borough will be presented with an award at a dinner ceremony on June 13. Thank you to Dr. Lacy and the MWC for all your efforts to help make Highland Park a healthier and safer place to live.

Remembering a Notable Highland Park Resident



Albert Garlatti and Ciel Hext, the HPHA's first executive director (at center), at the Samuel Kronman building's groundbreaking

Lifelong Highland Park resident Albert Silvio Garlatti passed away on May 9 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and cancer. Garlatti co-owned the Highland Park based Albert Garlatti Construction Co. with his brother for more than 50 years. He was also an active member of St. Paul the Apostle church in Highland Park, serving as an usher and on the Finance Committee. He was also a member of the Serra Club and Knights of Columbus Council No. 6306. Garlatti was chairman of the Highland Park Housing Authority, where he served for 40 years. He will be remembered for his generosity and strength of character, as well as his tremendous love for his family.

Highland Park Resident Receives Patient Courage Award



Highland Park resident Franco Juricic will be receiving a Patient Courage Award from the Mayor's Committee on Life Sciences, a partnership of the NJ League of Municipalities and We Work for Health NJ.

Juricic is receiving this award for his incredible journey from pancreatic cancer patient to NYC Marathon runner. In 2008, it was a life goal of his to run the marathon; however, one day before the race he noticed something wrong. Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he had to postpone his goal to get treatment, including a complicated abdominal surgery with only a six percent survival rate past five years.

In 2013, to commemorate his five-year survival mark, Juricic was finally able to complete the New York City Marathon. But he also knows the heartbreak of this disease, as his father passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2012. In his bid to help others suffering from this disease, Juricic is now the Advocacy Coordinator for the New Jersey affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Juricic will be presented with this award at the Highland Park Council meeting on June 13.

Rabies Clinic



There will be a free rabies clinic held on Thursday, June 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, 444 Valentine Street. All animals must be leashed or in carriers. For additional information, please contact the Edison Township Health Department at 732-248-6433 or email at health@edisonnj.org.