

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Borough Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 5

Environmental Commission

8:00 p.m., Environmental Education
Center

Thursday, July 6

Commission for Universal Access

7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, July 11

Summer International Film Festival

6:30 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, July 11

Borough Council

7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, July 12

Housing Authority

6:30 p.m., Samuel J. Kronman Building

Wednesday, July 12

Shade Tree Advisory Committee

8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, July 13

Food Pantry Distribution

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, July 13

Mr. Ray Concert

6:30 p.m., Public Library

Thursday, July 13

Planning Board

7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, July 15

Food Pantry Distribution

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Senior/Youth Center

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 Matthew Hersh



As chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee, I have the awesome responsibility of working with nearly 70 volunteers on seven boards and commissions. While this portfolio does not command the budgetary considerations that some of our other committees do, it nevertheless addresses many of the critical policy areas that help to define Highland Park's character and help to illustrate our community's core values.

As someone with a background in journalism, community development, and housing and health, I approach my responsibilities with an aim on transparency and through a lens of equity. Our volunteers understand this, too, and I'm so pleased to report on our work in 2017!

In March, the Borough's Immigrant and Refugee Task Force hosted an important discussion about our town's approach to our new immigrant neighbors. With so much uncertainty on the federal level, towns across the country are taking action to provide clear, transparent policies when it comes to our immigrant communities.

We should be proud of the short- and long-term policy goals advanced in our Inclusive Community resolution, passed in May. With our newly-constituted municipal Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, I look forward to these policies taking hold, providing a safer, more secure, fair and welcoming Highland Park.

Our Board of Health has been hard at work, addressing several health issues facing town, including the chronically itchy subject of lice. While not considered a primary public health issue, lice is a communicable affliction that affects millions of Americans, young and old, each year and requires knowledge of treatment and, when necessary, access to often costly medications. The Board of Health will view this as a public health nuisance that affects all residents, public schools, private school, daycare and more. The next step is to look at this issue holistically, create partnerships with other in-town stakeholders and to provide information on treatment for families.

Finally, look for our local high school student volunteers as they walk the town with information doorhangers on mosquito prevention! These doorhangers are provided by the county and provide residents with clear backyard prevention techniques as the summer season gets underway.

Our Human Relations Commission hosted the Borough's second Pride Flag raising in June as we honored LGBT Pride Month. We had about 40 people in attendance at the event, co-sponsored by the Pride Center of NJ. Thank you to the Pride Center's Nicole Brownstein and David Rogoff for their remarks and to everyone who believes that no matter if the times are good or bad, fighting for a just society is a daily struggle and a moral imperative.

Thank you to Freeholder Deputy Director Charles Tomaro, and Michael Spadaro and Richard Green III of the LGBT Caucus of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization for being pioneers on the county level.

Our Housing Authority has been hard at work ensuring safe, decent affordable housing conditions for our 124 public homes here in Highland Park, having recently partnered with the New Brunswick-based New Jersey Community Capital, a mission-based community development financial institution that will help with necessary capital improvements to our 40-year-old public housing facilities. We are so fortunate to have found a financial partner that embraces the goal of affordable housing, providing us to continue our public stewardship and management of our public housing stock.

I am in awe of the energy of the volunteers and staff in our little town, from the staff at Borough Hall, to our amazing police department, and our valiant Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Thank you for giving me the chance to do my part amid all of these inspiring individuals.

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 and Commission for Universal Access Chair Tara Canavera was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Psi Chi Honor Society at Kean University. On May 18th, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kean, with a double major in Sociology and Psychology. In September she will begin the Masters of Social Work program at Kean. Aside from her impressive academic work, Tara has been an invaluable volunteer for Highland Park for a number of years.

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

Summer Lunch Program for Highland Park Students



"HP Gives a Hoot" is sponsoring a free summer lunch program for Highland Park students in Grades K-12. The program runs from July 5 through August 24. Lunches are served between the hours of 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Global Grace Café at the Reformed Church, 19-21 South 2nd Street. Residents can pick up a free lunch voucher at Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Ave, in the Communications office on Monday – Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You MUST have a voucher to receive your free lunch.

"HP gives a Hoot" a nonprofit fund created by the Borough of Highland Park to contribute to the wellbeing of our Highland Park students in need. Donations to the fund are used to provide lunches when school is not in session, free summer camp scholarships and mentorship programs.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Borough Hall (Communications Office), 221 South 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Questions email us at igaveahoot@gmail.com.

HPTV Highlights for July 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

Fireworks in the Park!



Sunday's Independence Day Fireworks in Donaldson Park was a huge success. Thousands of residents and visitors were delighted by the spectacular show. The Borough of Highland Park would like to thank our generous sponsors for helping to fund this wonderful community event - Raceway Petroleum, Unity Bank, Mason Griffin Pierson Counsellors at law, Asbestos and Insulators Local #32. Thanks to all of our vendors and volunteers for helping to make this a fun and exciting celebration.



Borough Hall and the Senior/Youth Center will begin summer hours effective Monday, July 3 through Friday, September 1. The summer schedule will be as follows:

Monday & Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Borough offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day). The Garbage collection schedule is as follows;

- July 3 (Monday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
- **July 4 (Tuesday) – Holiday – Closed**
- July 5 (Wednesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection
- July 6 (Thursday) – South Side recycling collection
- July 7 (Friday) – Business District & South Side garbage collection



Highland Park Seniors "Danced Under the Stars" last Tuesday (June 20) at the annual Senior Prom event. Pictured are the Prom King Murray Cohen and Prom Queen Anne Glatt along with Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler