

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, August 21

Chalk the Walks – Teen Crafts
3:00 p.m., Public Library

Monday, August 21

Snap Circuits
3:00 p.m., Public Library

Monday, August 21

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

Wednesday, August 23

Walk with the Mayor
7:00 a.m., Donaldson Park

Wednesday, August 23

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 p.m., Environmental Education Center

Thursday, August 24

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

Thursday, August 24

Meditation Circle
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Saturday, August 26

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

Monday, August 28

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

Monday, September 4

Labor Day
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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Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



Highland Park is a very special community. We are very diverse, yet our residents are so welcoming and accepting of each other. I am so proud to be the mayor of a community of this nature. Today, I want to discuss some of our recent accomplishments and activities (a reflection of who we are), but I also want to address the horrifying events in Charlottesville, VA, and how they affect us in Highland Park.

Recently dozens of residents came out to celebrate at our National Night Out and first ever Chalk Art Festival on August 8th. The event was a huge success, and lots of fun for residents of all ages. It was also the perfect example of how our residents and police support each other, and how our artistic and creative culture enables us to celebrate together. Thank you to the Highland Park Police Department, the Highland Park Arts Commission, and ASAP (Adult Substance Abuse Program), for hosting a terrific evening for the community. And, thank you to our residents for your ongoing support.

Highland Park continues to thrive in many ways. This past year has brought new residential developments, as well as some outstanding programming from our Police Department, Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Safe Routes to School Initiatives, the Human Relations Commission, Arts Commission, Main Street Highland Park, our Library, and Sustainable Highland Park.

In addition, once again, our budget is well within the state mandated 2% cap. In fact, the total tax billing for the average assessment will be about \$60 less this year than last year. I am proud of the hard work of our Borough Council, and all of the Borough departments, to continue offering a variety of services to our residents while maintaining a responsible budget.

Of course, as one of the densest and most diverse municipalities in Middlesex County, we have our differences, both politically and culturally. We work hard to serve, and listen to, all of our residents. It is critical that we all continue to civilly discuss our different views, especially when we see hate and intolerance towards others. Highland Park has always been, and will continue to be, a welcoming community for all people, regardless of political views, the color of one's skin or origin of birth, how a person worships, one's sexual preference, and more. We will vehemently oppose the use of guns and violence to make a point.

I ask you, my dear friends and neighbors, to join me in ensuring that hate does not step in the door of our beloved community. We will find paths to reach out to one another in meaningful and ongoing ways. We will make understanding and discussion a way of our everyday life, not just a reaction to hate, death, and violence. We will build on the inherent beauty of our community together, as one quilt of many colors, and twice as many opinions.

And, together, we will continue to work for the benefit of all our residents through tax stabilization, downtown development, infrastructure repairs and improvements, quality of life enhancements, and open transparency.

I wish you all a healthy and safe rest of the summer, and once again, I am so proud to lead a community of tolerance and understanding.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Garbage Collection is as follows for the week of 9/04 – 09/08;

- Monday – **Offices Closed**
- 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 Park History Maker



Harvey Jerome Brudner – (May 29, 1931 – September 15, 2009) was a theoretical physicist and engineer. He was the dean of science and technology of the New York Institute of Technology from 1962-1964. He was also president of the Joyce Kilmer Centennial Commission and the Highland Park Centennial Commission. Brudner was an early proponent of using computers in the classroom, and wrote on Babylonian mathematics. Brudner graduated from New York University and received an M.S. in physics and a Ph.D in theoretical physics from NYU. In 1978 he became a fellow of the IEEE for "leadership in the development and application of computers and electronic, audio-visual systems in education and training.

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

Borough Hours

Regular Borough hours resume on Tuesday, September 5.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Calling All Artists and Vendors!

Main Street Highland Park wants YOU! Sign up today to be a part of Highland Park's 12th annual arts street festival juried art show, and arts and crafts sale in downtown Highland Park, New Jersey on Sunday September 24, 2017 from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. The annual celebration of the arts draws thousands of art enthusiasts and visitors from around the region to stroll through downtown Highland Park and enjoy artistic offerings, live music and other entertainment, food from local restaurants, children's activities, promotional booths, and much more.

Highland Park Annual Garage Sale!

A joint project of Century 21 JJ Laufer,
HP Dept. of Community Services, and Main Street

September 16 & 17, 2017

RESIDENTS & MERCHANTS:
register by emailing

HPGarageSale@gmail.com

In your email, PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Name or Business Name
- Address
- Daytime phone number
- Participation Date (s)

Or, call the

**Garage Sale Hotline
732-249-1654**



Highland Park's First African American Councilman Charles Figg Honored



On August 10, Valentine Street was re-named in honor of the first African American Councilman, Charles Figg.

Charles Figg was an educator, devoted public servant and leader who moved to Highland Park in 1959. He and his wife, Juanita Figg started out as teachers in the New Brunswick school system, while Charles moved on to the Freehold Public School system where he became Principal.

In the 1970's Charles and Juanita worked on desegregating Highland Park Schools. In 1984 Charles became the first African American to serve on Council in Highland Park, where he served until 1995. During his tenure, he was Council President for two years. For years, Charles participated in a number of organizations including the NAACP, Fair Housing Committee and the Middlesex County Human Relations Commission.

Amazon Donates Kindle Readers to Highland Park Library



Amazon donated 11 Kindle Readers to the Highland Park Public Library this week as part of the company's continued effort to provide resources that bolster programming in local libraries.

Library Director Jane Stanley said the donation would be used to support the library's Summer Reading Program as well as children and teen reading programs throughout the upcoming academic year. "These Kindles are essential as we carry out and create new programming, particularly for our younger readers," Stanley said. "We are grateful for this donation and thank Amazon for their continued support."

Pictured, from left: Jane Stanley, Director, Highland Park Public Library; Bruce Tucker, President, Highland Park Public Library Board of Trustees; Highland Park Councilman Josh Fine; Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



National Night Out was a huge success on August 8th, when the Police Department hosted a celebration for the community. National Night Out promotes police-community cooperation and partnerships. The night was filled with activities, games and give-aways.



Local artists created incredible pictures at the Chalk Art Festival on August 8th. Sponsorships and donations went to the Adult Substance Abuse Program for more information visit their website at www.friendsofasap.org.