

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Monday, November 20

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

### Tuesday, November 21

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

### Tuesday, November 21

Herbal Pain Relief – Herbal Oils & Supplements  
4:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Tuesday, November 21

International Film Festival  
6:30 p.m., Public Library

### Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24

**Borough Offices Closed**

### Saturday, November 25

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

### Monday, November 27

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

### Monday, November 27

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

### Tuesday, November 28

H.P. Civic Series Community Series  
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Tuesday, November 28

Poetry Night Series – Cool Woman Poets  
6:30 p.m., Public Library

### Tuesday, November 28

Rehabilitation Screening Committee  
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

### Thursday, November 30

Food for Thought – A Poetry Writing Workshop  
7:30 p.m., Environmental Educational Center

### Friday, December 1

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

### Friday, December 2

Clarinet Holiday Concert Presented by Rouge et Noir  
3:00 p.m., Public Library

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) for updates

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## Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



Last week we celebrated Veteran's Day, a day to honor and remember the brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. Though it was a cold Saturday morning, our veterans and local ROTC organizations were greeted by many residents as they proudly walked from the Doughboy in Highland Park down to New Brunswick.

"If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for." I saw this statement on signs and images of veterans' sites all over the internet. It made me think: while our military men and women are deployed all over the world to safeguard our independence and constitutional rights, how do we honor their efforts here at home? We can honor them at home in the following ways:

- Stay knowledgeable. We must know our American history so we understand our freedom and respect the efforts of all the immigrants who came to this land to establish a better home and fought to protect it.
- Stay aware. Read about current events facing our country at home and abroad. Then, vote and speak up for what is right for all our citizens. Fight against the kind of hate that divides us while advocating for those things that unite us.
- Stay involved in our community. Here in Highland Park, volunteer to serve on one of our boards, commissions, or committees. Your time and creativity can make our town an even better place and provide a comforting home to all our residents.
- Learn and welcome the sameness and differences of your neighbors. Highland Park is a diverse community, with over 30 different languages spoken in our schools. We are all neighbors who express ourselves in different ways. We all need to be heard. We may not always agree, but we must respect our freedom to have different opinions.

These are the ways we support our veterans and all those still deployed across the globe. Veterans Day is one day set aside to honor those who served our country. We should honor America's veterans every day of the year with actions and with love.

As Thanksgiving is arriving, it is another day to be thankful for our family, friends, and the country in which we live. It is also a time to think of others who may not be as fortunate as us, and remember to give back and care for all of our neighbors.

## Breaking Ground on our New Teen Center



Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and the Borough Council were joined by dignitaries and officials for the groundbreaking of the new Teen Center in Highland Park (located at South 6th and Benner Street). The center, which will be a safe haven for teens after school, is set to be open next fall. It will include activities, study rooms, and the opportunity to bond with local Police Officers in a comfortable atmosphere.

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to [communications@hpboro.com](mailto:communications@hpboro.com)

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## Highland Marks

Former NFL star and Highland Park High School football player **L.J. Smith** recently opened a wine and painting studio in South Plainfield. Pinot's Palette, a franchise, was officially opened on June 23rd for customers to eat, drink, and learn to paint. Prior to that, he had owned a Plato's Closet store in Edison. L.J. Smith was raised in Highland Park, where he was an HPHS football star. He played football at Rutgers University, and went on to play for six years in the NFL, as a Philadelphia Eagle and a Baltimore Raven. When Smith was drafted into the NFL, he had not earned an undergraduate degree. In 2016 he returned to Rutgers to finish his degree, a promise he had made to his mother before she passed away.

**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](mailto:communications@hpboro.com)**

## Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Garbage Collection is as follows for the week of 11/20-11/24;

- Monday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- Tuesday – Bagged Leaves Collection
- Wednesday – Business District & South Side Garbage Collection
- **Thursday & Friday – Offices Closed**

**\*\*No recycling collection during Thanksgiving week. Recycling will resume as regularly scheduled next week.**



Residents and visitors honored our veterans during the annual Veteran's Day parade on November 11.



Come join us for the second session of the Civics for the Community Series, entitled Government by Neighbors: How Does Local Government Work?

Session will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 7-8:30pm at the Senior Center, 220 South 6th Avenue. Guest speaker is Marc Pfeiffer, Assistant Director at the Bloustein Local Government Research Center at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University. Mr. Pfeiffer will talk about how local governments operate, and will answer pre-submitted questions.

To submit a question, email [civics.highlandpark@gmail.com](mailto:civics.highlandpark@gmail.com). Event is open to the general public. Light refreshments provided.

## Interested in Clearing some Snow this Winter?

The Highland Park Housing Authority is employing a few people to assist with snow clearance this winter season. If interested please call the Housing Director, Runi Sriwardena at 732-572-4420.

## Park Partners Grant Program



Highland Park is continually working to make improvements and increase development and growth throughout the town, and residents are encouraged to participate in growth.

If you have a great idea for a program to benefit Highland Park, the Park Partners Grant Program can help you make that idea reality! The Borough will provide up to \$2,000 to help you execute your project. Projects can be in the following categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, Universal Access or Health & Wellness. Fill out an application available online at <http://hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1313> or pick up one at Borough Hall, and help make a difference in Highland Park! Deadline is December 15, 2017.

## Main Street Minute

Support Downtown Highland Park this Holiday Season, starting on Small Business Saturday!

Stay off the highway and instead walk downtown to Shop Small on Saturday November 25 and Sunday November 26 for all your holiday shopping and entertainment! There is a lot happening downtown, including:

- Live music on the corners
- Roaming groups of carolers
- Tree lighting and Santa from 6-7 pm on 11/25 at 212 Raritan Avenue
- Holiday flea market at 431 Raritan Ave
- Deals and discounts at shops all over town
- Outdoor food trucks in select locations
- "Making spirits bright" themed holiday window displays in many shop windows

Learn more at [facebook.com/MainStreetHP](https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP) or email [MainStreetHighlandPark@gmail.com](mailto:MainStreetHighlandPark@gmail.com)

## Food Pantry Drive

The Kinetics Center, 401 Raritan Ave is presently hosting a food drive/collection to benefit The Highland Park Community Food Pantry.

WEEKDAYS: Monday- Friday 6:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 4:00-8:00 P.M. on weekdays  
WEEKENDS: Saturday and Sunday- 8:00 A.M. -1:00PM

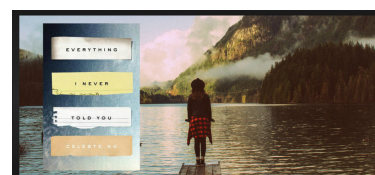
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We thank you for your support!

### Most important items

shelf milk  
peanut butter  
cereal-hot and cold but not sugar coated  
spaghetti sauce  
canned meat or fish  
canned fruit  
female hygiene products  
tooth brushes and tooth paste  
Please omit, if possible, Pasta

## Human Relations Commission Book Club Launch



Join the Human Relations Commission on December 7 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6<sup>th</sup> Ave for a book club meeting to discuss "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng. For a free audiobook through Hoopla app visit: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11110434>.