

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Tuesday, January 5

Films from the 1980s  
6:30 pm, Public Library

### Tuesday, January 5

Borough Council Organization  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Wednesday, January 6

Environmental Commission  
8:00 pm, Environmental Center

### Thursday, January 7

Brisket Flute Trio – Chamber Music Recital  
7:00 pm, Public Library

### Thursday, January 7

Commission for Universal Access  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

### Monday, January 11

Zoning Board of Adjustment Reorganization  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Wednesday, January 13

Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Thursday, January 14

Board of Health  
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Thursday, January 14

Pianist Abraham Alinea  
7:00 pm, Public Library

### Thursday, January 14

Planning Board Reorganization  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

### Monday, January 18

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday**  
**Borough Offices Closed**

### Monday, January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian  
Awards Program  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, HP High School

### Monday, January 18

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

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## Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



We're gearing up for a great year in 2016, with more activity toward future downtown development, annual events sponsored by Main Street and the Borough, neighbors-helping-neighbors programs, new arts initiatives, and advancements in our environmental and sustainable efforts. I am looking forward to our new Teen Center opening later this year, which will benefit our high school students by giving them a place of their own after school. The results of our task force on Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Needs were presented in a public meeting in November. This year we will begin to work on the suggested improvements for 2016.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss our plans and programs with you at our next "Meet the Mayor" event, at Sushiana Restaurant (17 North 4th Ave) on January 20 at 5:00 pm. Learn how to make sushi with a sushi chef, and join me in conversation and fun.

One of the best ways to make improvements in our town is through our Park Partners Community Service Grant program, in which the Borough awards up to \$2000 for each of five programs to benefit the community in the categories of Environment, Arts, Culture and Diversity, Safety, and Universal Access or Health & Wellness. The deadline for submission is fast approaching, so if you have a great idea for Highland Park, pick up an application in Borough Hall or from our website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com). The deadline for submission is January 11 and the community voting session will be held on February 21.

You may have noticed some activity at the former Y site. The Highland Cliffs, LLC is beginning to clear the way for a new project of twenty three townhomes. These will include three and four bedroom units and two affordable units, which will be built on the 4.5 acres of land. In addition to the homes, at least 21.4% of the site will remain Open Space, and plans are being developed for a Greenway leading to a play area as well.

Finally, please join the Human Relations Commission for our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner on Monday, January 18, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Highland Park High School. This year's 2015 recipient of the Dr. King Jr. Award is Ms. Sharice Richardson. Ms. Richardson is being honored for her work in creating the Highland Park Parents Students of Color and her advocacy for our students. Additionally, I am so proud that we will be hosting guest speaker Ms. Sarah Collins Rudolph, a survivor of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. Please join us as Ms. Rudolph shares her life experiences with all of us.

I hope you had a happy new year, and look forward to working with you as we continue progressing Highland Park into the future.

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards Program



"Remembering Our Past as We Carry On To Our Future." Join the Highland Park Human Relations Commission in remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honoring one of our own, Sharice Richardson at the Humanitarian Awards Program. Monday, January 18, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Highland Park High School in the Auditorium, 102 North 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Guest Speaker is Sarah Collins Rudolph, Survivor of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church Bombing (1963).

## Roll With the Mayor!

Join Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler for a Meet the Mayor event at Sushiana Restaurant, and learn how to make sushi from a professional sushi chef! The event will be on Wednesday, January 20, 5:00pm at Sushiana Restaurant, 17 North 4th Avenue. Socialize with the Mayor and neighbors during the sushi-making lesson, and enjoy some delicious sushi to taste! RSVP to [info@sushiana.com](mailto:info@sushiana.com) by January 15.

**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 Park History Maker

Highland Park History Maker is a special column for 2016 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.

**Selman Abraham Waksman** (1888-1973) was a biochemist and microbiologist whose research in organic substances and their decomposition promoted the discovery of Streptomycin, the first antibiotic used against tuberculosis. In 1952 he received a Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his work. Waksman attended Rutgers College in 1911 and subsequently became a microbiologist and lecturer, and in 1930 was appointed a Professor. He became head of the new Department of Microbiology in 1940. Waksman lived in Highland Park with his wife, Deborah Mitnick.

## "Freecycling" In Middlesex County

As a Green Community, Highland Park prides itself on its efficient recycling system. However, there are many recyclable items that can actually be re-used by other individuals or families.

The Borough, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), encourages residents to donate unwanted goods for reuse. This helps in many ways, including diverting waste from local sources, cutting expenses for the municipality and taxpayer-supported recycling programs, and providing goods to individuals in need of your support. To find a location close to you to donate, browse the Re-Use It book from the MCIA at [www.mciath.com/reuse.htm](http://www.mciath.com/reuse.htm).

## Time Is Running Out – Park Partners Grant Program

If you have a great idea for a program to benefit Highland Park, the Park Partners Grant Program can help you make that idea a reality! The Borough will provide \$2,000 to help you execute your project. Fill out an application available online at <http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1313> or pick up one at Borough Hall, and make a difference. Deadline is January 11.

## HPTV Highlights for January 2016 Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers) Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers)

### Monday

10:00 am & 4:00 pm – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio  
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Highland Park Update/Showcase  
12:30 pm & 7:30 pm – Talk Of The Town  
1:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Aging Insights  
1:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Health Talk  
2:30 pm & 7:00 pm – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk  
8:30 pm – Board Of Education Meeting

### Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 am & 4:00 pm Public Domain Domain – Movies  
12:00 pm – Highland Park Showcase  
12:30 pm – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update  
1:00pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm - Borough Council Meeting  
2:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Spotlight On Middlesex County  
2:30 pm & 8:30 pm – Access New Jersey  
3:00 pm & 9:00 pm – Not Just Rock & Roll

### Wednesday

10:00 am & 7:00 pm – Board Of Education Meeting  
1:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Aging Insights  
1:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Health Talk  
3:00 pm – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk  
4:00 pm – Public Domain Domain – Movies

### Friday, Saturday & Sunday

10:00 am – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio  
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Highland Park Update/Showcase  
12:30 pm & 7:30 pm – Talk Of The Town  
1:00 pm – Borough Council Meeting  
2:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Aging Insights  
2:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Health Talk  
3:30 pm – Classroom Close-Up / School Talk  
4:00 pm – Board Of Education Meeting  
10:00 pm – Valley Homegrown Music  
8:30 pm & 11:00 pm – Public Domain Domain - Movies

## Welcome – New Borough Council Member



Jim Walsh was elected to council in November 2015. Jim brings a wealth of leadership experience to the council, previously serving on the boards of various organizations committed to environmental protection and social justice. He is currently the Mid-Atlantic Director of Food and Water Watch, an organization committed to building grassroots power to protect the human right to water and create a more healthy and just food system.

Jim first found his passion for social justice when he started volunteering for the Milwaukee Catholic Workers while earning a degree in economics from Marquette University. Throughout his career, Jim has been coordinating grassroots campaigns to address a variety of important issues, including preserving Social Security and forwarding issues like phasing out the use of fossil fuels, access to affordable housing and paid family medical leave.

## Residents Support the Highland Park Community Food Pantry



Holiday season is traditionally a time for giving, but Highland Park residents are charitable all year long, donating to, volunteering for, and supporting the Highland Park Community Food Pantry (HPCFP). We thank our residents for their generosity to the community, and look forward to another successful year for the Food Pantry.

Recently the Food Pantry held two successful events. On December 12, 2015, the Highland Park Artists Collective organized the first ever benefit for the HPCFP. It was a wonderful event which included a food drive, raffle with items donated by the artists, and an opportunity to have the Food Pantry Tribute Cards available for donors.

On December 19, the Highland Park Branch of Unity Bank donated \$1000.00 to the HPCFP. Unity Bank Vice President Walter Deutsch II presented the donation to the Food Pantry. Unity Bank's "Growing With You!" theme underscores their thoughtfulness in providing support to the growing number of households in Highland Park who need food. We thank them for supporting our community.

To learn about or donate to the Highland Park Community Food Pantry, visit [hpboro.com](http://hpboro.com) or email us at [HighlandParkFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:HighlandParkFoodPantry@gmail.com).

## New Borough Hours

The Borough is happy to announce new hours at Borough Hall, Records Department and the Senior/Youth Center for 2016, to better accommodate our residents! We will now be open LATE every Tuesday for regular business.

Please see the chart below for our new regular hours for the New Year.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm