

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, January 19

Public Works & Public Utilities Committee
11:30 am, Borough Hall

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Council Committee
Agenda Meeting – 6:30 pm
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm
Borough Hall

Wednesday, January 20

Roll with the Mayor
5:00 pm, Sushiana Restaurant

Wednesday, January 20

Human Relations Commission
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, January 25

Library Board
7:30 pm, Public Library

Wednesday, January 27

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 pm, Environmental Education Ctr.

Sunday, January 31

Daoine – Irish Concert Band
2:00 pm, Public Library

All meetings are subject to change, please
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Memo from Council President Susan Welkovits



Happy New Year. I'm excited to continue to serve on Borough Council as Council President and Chair of Public Works and Public Utilities. We have an amazing staff and crew. Department of Public Works Department Head Don Rish, Foremen Frank Troy and Mike Wiczorkiewicz share nearly 110 years of experience in Public Works; their combined expertise directly benefits all residents of Highland Park. I would also like to congratulate Scott Brescher as new Construction Official in charge of our Code Enforcement Department, and Jennifer Santiago as new Planning and Zoning Board Secretary.

In 2016 let's Keep It Clean and keep recycling! I'm proud to report that last year our town-wide recycling efforts brought annual expenses down to zero. Compare that with a cost of \$66/ton for landfill and you can easily see why we recycle once a week and where our major costs are. Let's continue to do our best for the environment and for our budget. Recycle it. We should make it our goal to generate a profit from recycling next year. Check our website for what's recyclable at: <http://www.hpboro.com/index.aspx?nid=19>. Instead of recycling expensive Bulk Pick-up, civic-minded donors are providing goods to individuals, organizations and businesses and diverting trash to reuse, thereby cutting municipal expenses and extending the life of local landfills. If you have Reuseable Items to donate, please check the Middlesex County Reuse-It book; a guide to area locations where Middlesex County residents can donate their unwanted goods for reuse: <http://www.mciauth.com/recycleframe.htm>

On December 17, Sustainable Highland Park kicked-off our new Smart Homes program – which offers a low-cost comprehensive home energy audit by Ciel Power, LLC. The Smart Homes program, designed to encourage participation in the New Jersey Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) program, provides homeowners with cash-back and financing incentives for improvements that reduce energy use by up to 30 percent. The home energy audit is a critical first step, and you may use the contractor of your choice, in taking advantage of these incentives. For more information visit <http://www.cielpower.com/highlandpark>

Sustainable Highland Park is also busy planning our Earth Day Festival scheduled for Sunday April 17. Please save the date and join us for a fun-filled family-friendly afternoon of exhibits, hands-on demonstrations, great music and delicious food.

Highland Park already does an exceptional job supporting walking and biking to school - which is part of a healthy and sustainable community - but there are always opportunities to make things even better. Keep Middlesex Moving, who run the state Safe Routes to School outreach program for the NJ Department of Transportation in Middlesex County, recently started working with our Schools to prepare a School Travel Plan. The plan will document how students get to school today, and will identify issues that might prevent or discourage more students from walking or biking to school. Short and long term solutions will be identified.

Our Shade Tree Advisory Council is presently selecting species for the spring planting of nearly 50 street shade trees. New kiosks at the Native Plant Reserve and Environmental Center are filled with information on local native plants and local environmental concerns. Meadows Trails volunteers are always behind the scenes clearing the trails for a beautiful nature hike. Trails maps are on display at the kiosk off Valentine and South 5th. You can join their volunteer efforts on the weekends at 10am.

Our Habitat for Humanity project build began in July and is well underway. This is a brand new construction of a 3-bedroom single-family home on a shady residential street in the Borough of Highland Park. Volunteers are welcome and you'll need to pre-register at the following link: <https://www.habitatgpmc.org/civicism/event/info?reset=1&id=959>. We have up to 10 'openings' on Sundays (10am-5pm) for individual volunteers (first come, first serve). Tasks on site generally differ depending on the phase and nature of the construction. All tasks are under the instruction and oversight of Habitat's Construction Supervisor(s). REMEMBER – EVERY JOB IS IMPORTANT! More than your skill - Come with a desire to learn and to do what's needed.

Welcome New Borough Employees

Bea Adler – Assistant to the Mayor
Constance Ludden – Tax Office
Gabriel Paul – Finance Office
Nicole Marques – Municipal Court

The Borough is happy to announce new hours to better accommodate our residents! We will now be open LATE every Tuesday for regular business until 6:00 pm

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

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.



Alan Manners Voorhees (December 17, 1922 – December 18, 2005) was a transportation engineer and urban planner who designed many large public works in the United States, including the street grid for lower Manhattan which connected new streets to existing roads and the Brooklyn Bridge. He was one of the early designers of the Interstate Highway System in the US. Voorhees also designed subway systems for Hong Kong, Caracas, Washington, D.C. and more. In addition to his engineering successes, he helped found Atlantic Southeast Airlines (later bought by Delta Airlines) and received the first Harland Bartholomew Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Voorhees was born in Highland Park, NJ.

Highland Marks



Highland Park resident **Ann Goehring** had a big celebration recently as she turned 100 years old! Ann, who has been a resident for 25 years, was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on December 24, 1915, and grew up in New Brunswick raising cattle and pigs. She worked as a housekeeper and at Revlon for many years. Ann is one of nine children, and has three sons, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Congratulations to Ann and Happy 100th!

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

Save the Date! Sunday, February 21, 2016

The Borough invites you to the 3rd Annual Park Partners Voting Session. Come out to vote for your favorite programs for 2016 – programs that will benefit our entire community! Voting Session is Sunday, February 21, 3:00 – 4:00pm at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. Sixth Avenue. Every resident – regardless of age – can vote for one program in each of 5 categories: Arts, Environment, Universal Access or Health & Wellness, Culture & Diversity, and Safety. The winning projects will receive a grant of up to \$2000 to complete their project within one year.

For more information about the Park Partners Voting Session visit www.hpboro.com.

Get Fit with the Mayor

Join the Mayor's Wellness program and Get Fit with the Mayor on Tuesdays (1/19 – 3/8) from 6:30 am – 7:00 am at Kinetics, 401 Raritan Avenue.

Registration is required. Please call 732-317-8931 or email: info@kinetics.com to reserve your spot today.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards Program



Highland Park's own Sharice Richardson was the recipient of the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award at last night's Martin Luther King, Jr. Program.



Guest speaker Sarah Collins Rudolph, survivor of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing (1963) was the guest speaker.

Did You Know? - Cardboard Recycling

As a Green Community, Highland Park prides itself on its recycling program as part of our efforts to protect our environment. As an added bonus, the Borough receives money per ton of recycled cardboard. When you recycle your cardboard, please remember to bundle and tie the cardboard before placing it on the curb for pickup. Many times the wind blows the cardboard into the street, making pickup more difficult and creating a traffic hazard. We appreciate your cooperation with this effort.

Garbage Collection Schedule (for the week of 1/19 – 1/22)

- January 19 (Tuesday) - Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- January 20 (Wednesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- January 21 (Thursday) – South Side Recycling Collection
- January 22 (Friday) - Business District & South Side Garbage Collection

The Main Street Minute

Sign Up for the Highland Park 5k & Kids Races Sunday May 1, 2016, 9:00 am

The Highland Park 5k race is back for its seventh year! Come take a run around Highland Park, all for great causes. Race proceeds to benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, and Recreation departments; the Highland Park Public Library; and Main Street Highland Park. Online registration can be found here: <http://runinthepark.org/>

Calling all 5k Sponsors

The Highland Park 5k brings together over 500 runners from Highland Park and all over central New Jersey. Race proceeds to benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, and Recreation departments; the Highland Park Public Library; and Main Street Highland Park. It also serves as an opportunity to bring in donations for the Highland Park Food Pantry, which are collected at the race registration tables.

Community sponsorships are integral to make this event a success. We offer several levels of sponsorship that put your business name front and center in our extensive event outreach. View all the sponsorship levels here: <http://runinthepark.org/sponsor/>

Save the Date for the Spring Street Fair Sunday May 1, 2015, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Annual Highland Park Spring Street Fair is one of Highland Park's signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, and kids activities. Admission is free! Vendor applications can be found at www.mainstreethp.org. Vendor fees have been reduced for Highland Park businesses this year! Don't miss the chance to be part of the fun.

Learn more about these events and more at www.mainstreethp.org, and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MainStreetHP