

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

**Tuesday, February 2**

Diner – Films in the 1980's  
6:30 pm, Public Library

**Tuesday, February 2**

Council Committee  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

**Wednesday, February 3**

Community Food Pantry  
7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

**Wednesday, February 3**

Environmental Commission  
8:00 pm, Environmental Education Center

**Thursday, February 4**

Ask the Dog Trainer with Kris Collins  
7:00 pm, Public Library

**Thursday, February 4**

Commission for Universal Access Meeting  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

**Thursday, February 4**

Redevelopment Agency  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

**Wednesday, February 10**

Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

**Thursday, February 11**

Board of Health  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

**Thursday, February 11**

Planning Board  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

**Friday, February 12**

Lincoln's Birthday  
Borough Offices – Closed

**Monday, February 15**

President's Day  
Borough Offices – Closed

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



In January we held our annual reorganization meeting, during which I spoke about our developments in 2015 and our goals for 2016 in our four main areas of concentration: Tax Stabilization, Downtown Development, Infrastructure and Capital Improvement, and Quality of Life. Here are some of the highlights I discussed:

**Municipal Tax Stabilization:** Shared services, administrative process streamlining, new housing developments, and infrastructure/capital improvement planning are the key areas of focus for tax stabilization.

- Councilman Erickson will work with me to expand our shared service programs with Borough schools and other municipalities.
- We are saving administrative expenses through the digitizing of our Borough's data. Dr. Matthew Hale, a Highland Park resident and professor at Seton Hall University, will chair a new Digital Data Task Force
- New developments are progressing throughout the Borough, all with anticipated positive cash flow for the Borough. The Pulte Crossings project of for-sale homes on Cleveland Avenue is nearly complete and almost sold out. We expect development of 23 townhomes at the former Y site to commence this year.

**Downtown Development:** As you know, smart, downtown development is the key to our economic future.

- Our Economic Development Agency continues talking with potential developers for a downtown, multiuse, retail/residential project on Raritan Avenue
- I've appointed a new downtown parking plan task force, chaired by Councilman George

**Infrastructure and Capital Improvement:** In 2015 we set a new group in motion to help us plan for our projected growth

- At a recent public meeting, the Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Task Force presented an extensive evaluation of our infrastructure, outlining projects and priorities for our future growth.
- All identified needs were prioritized and set into plan beginning in 2016. A big thank you goes to Dr. Clint Andrews of Rutgers' Bloustein School, and his Task Force team.
- We will continue our road repair projects in 2016.
- Our automated garbage truck pilot program was a success, and we look forward to rolling out the program to other neighborhoods throughout the Borough.
- Our Complete Streets Task Force continues to improve walking and bicycling options in town, and I am proud that Highland Park was among the few municipalities to receive an award for our Complete Streets program in 2015.
- Council President Welkovits will be working with me to explore sustainable and back-up energy programs.

**Quality of Life:** Once again, in 2015, we were recognized by the League of Municipalities with the Innovations in Governance honor, receiving Honorable Mention for our Community Policing efforts.

- Congratulations to Chief Rizzo and our police team for their 2015 initiatives with our youth and seniors.
- Looking forward to 2016, I have asked Councilman Fine and the Human Relations Commission to hold additional open public forums involving topics of social and cultural interest to our residents to identify new initiatives for our residents in 2016.
- 2016 will see expansion of our "Highland Park Gives a Hoot" campaign to contribute to the well-being of our Highland Park children. Donations to the fund are used to provide lunches to children who might not otherwise have lunch when school is not in session and offer opportunities to ensure their success in school and the future.
- We recently purchased a property on the corner of Benner and S. 6th Avenue to build a new Teen Center to open in 2016. Our teens can finally have a home of their own. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and Councilman Walsh will be seeing to the opening of this center for after school activities and programs.

We have made enormous strides in helping our young residents in the community. I was very proud of our community when we raised enough funds to send seven of our High School students to a one-week mentorship summer camp program.

A lot was accomplished in 2015, and are looking forward to achieving even more in 2016. I want to thank you, our residents and volunteers, for all of the time you give, for your vision, and for your input. I'm looking forward to hearing from and working with you in 2016!

***The Borough 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](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.



**Endre Szemerédi** – (August 21, 1940) is a mathematician who works in the field of combinatorics and theoretical computer science. He has won numerous awards for his work, including the Abel Prize in 2012 for discovering Szemerédi's theorem, which states that "if a sequence of natural numbers has positive upper density then it contains arbitrarily long arithmetic progressions". Szemerédi has published over 200 scientific articles on mathematics and computer science. A Rutgers University Professor of Computer Science since 1986, Szemerédi lives in Highland Park.

## Highland Marks

Highland Park resident **James Shangle**, a senior at The College of New Jersey, won the 100 breaststroke event in a Tri-Meet in January this month, with a time of 56:45. He also placed runner-up in the 200 breast and contributed to a relay event victory. Shangle has been an integral member of the TCNJ's swim team for the past four 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](mailto:communications@hpboro.com)*

## HPTV Highlights for February 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 & 7:30pm – 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  
1:00 pm, 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 Meetings  
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 Meetings  
10:00 pm – Valley Homegrown Music  
8:30 pm & 11:00 pm – Public Domain Domain - Movies



## Volunteers Needed!

"HP Gives a Hoot" is a fund created by the Borough of Highland Park to contribute to the well being of our Highland Park children. Donations to the fund are used to provide lunches to the students when school is not in session and offer opportunities to ensure their success in school and in the future.

We are looking for volunteers to help in our fundraising efforts as well as serving lunches to the students when school is not in session. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bea Adler at 732-572-3400 ext. 3904 or via email at [badler@hpboro.com](mailto:badler@hpboro.com).

## Garbage Collection Schedule

(week of 2/8 – 2/12)

- February 8 (Monday) - Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- February 9 (Tuesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- February 10 (Wednesday) – Business District, & South Side Garbage Collection
- February 11 (Thursday) – South Side Recycling Collection
- February 12 (Friday) - Holiday

(week of 2/15 – 2/19)

- February 15 (Monday) - Holiday
- February 16 (Tuesday) - Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- February 17 (Wednesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- February 18 (Thursday) – South Side Recycling Collection
- February 19 (Friday) - Business District & South Side Garbage Collection

## Low Income Public Housing Available



The Samuel Kronman Building located at 242 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Highland Park is accepting applications for low income public housing. Highland Park residents are encouraged to apply!

Eligibility information is as follows:

- Head of household must be either 62 years of age or older or disabled.
- Gross annual income for single applicant is \$48,800
- Gross annual income for a couple is \$55,800

If you live or work in Highland Park, you will automatically receive 5 preference points on the waiting list. If you or your spouse is a veteran and has an honorable discharge certificate, you will receive 1 preference point.

Please contact Runi at the Highland Park Housing Authority at 732-572-4420 immediately.

## Do You Need Help Shoveling?



In the event you need referrals for snow removal, you can contact the Police Department at 732-572-3800 Ext. 0 or the Senior/Youth Center at 732-819-0052

Some individuals on the list may volunteer their services and others may charge a fee. The Borough assumes no responsibility or involvement beyond providing a potential list of snow removal people.