

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, March 7

Recreation & Arts Standing Committee
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Tuesday, March 8

Get Fit with the Mayor
6:30 am, Kinetics, 409 Raritan Ave

Tuesday, March 8

Home Energy Session
7:00 pm, Public Library

Wednesday, March 9

Public Safety Standing Committee
9:00 am, Borough Hall

Wednesday, March 9

Housing Authority Board
6:30 pm, Samuel J. Kronman Building

Wednesday, March 9

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, March 10

Board of Health
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, March 10

Worried Sick – How Stress Hurts Us
7:00 pm, Public Library

Thursday, March 10

Planning Board
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Tuesday, March 15

International Film Series
6:30 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, March 15

Council Committee
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, March 16

Human Relations Commission
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, March 16

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 pm, Environmental Education Center

Thursday, March 17

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

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



Last month we held the voting session for our Third Annual Park Partners Community Service Grants and it was another highly successful event. Thank you to all of the applicants and to the more than 200 residents who came out to vote for their favorite program to benefit our community! And now, we are proud to announce our winners in the following categories:

- Arts – Highland Park Magazine. Two enterprising individuals will use their Park Partners grant as seed money to launch an independent magazine that will feature Borough-related human interest content.
- Environment – Native Plant Restoration of Highland Park's Open Space. This project will restore the native plants within the Borough's open spaces, by purchasing and planting native species;
- Health & Wellness or Universal Access – CuttingOutHunger. Funds will be used to help supply our Highland Park Community Food Pantry with additional food and supplies.
- Culture & Diversity – Prescription for Reading. This effort will help to purchase and distribute books to students throughout our community. We are looking forward to seeing these wonderful programs come to fruition.

Celebrating our Volunteers

In other news, I'd like to invite the community to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on Tuesday, April 12, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, during which we will honor our Volunteer of the Year, Allan Williams. Allan has been an invaluable member of the Highland Park community for 36 years and has proudly served as a member of the Environmental Commission since 2008, and has served as a member of the Planning Board and Sustainable Highland Park for the past four years. Allan was the Project Leader and Editor of the 2012 Environmental Resource Inventory. Our community is so lucky to have many resident volunteers who are active and dedicated to the continual growth and improvement of our town, and we appreciate all of their hard work throughout the year.

Pedestrian Safety on Raritan Avenue

Recently, I met with members of the Department of Transportation, the Lieutenant Governor's office, Edison officials and members of the Highland Park Police Department to discuss safety along Raritan Avenue. We discussed numerous ideas to improve pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety, and are in the process of implementing new safety initiatives along this busy road.

YouthROOTS Mentorship Camp

Last year we were proud to send five of our high school students to the YouthROOTS mentorship camp. It was heartwarming how our community came together to support these students. I invite you to click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsZnBA7Cz18> and watch the students' presentation to Council back in November, which speaks to their growth and motivation as a result of this camp. Once again, we need your help to send more of our dedicated high school students to this camp. Stay tuned for more information about a special fundraising event this spring and to make a much-appreciated donation.

As the warm weather approaches, I look forward to seeing all of you downtown for shopping, eating and walking. Our downtown business district is an ideal place to walk shop!

Medical Driver needed visit <http://www.hpboro.com/jobs.aspx>

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.



Darrell K. Sweet – (August 15, 1934 – December 5, 2011) was a professional illustrator who was best known for providing cover art for science fiction and fantasy novels, for which he was nominated for a Hugo Award in 1983. He is best known for his work on Robert Jordan's epic fantasy series, *The Wheel of Time*. Sweet was born in Highland Park and graduated from Syracuse University in 1956 with a degree in fine arts. Between 1975 and 2005, Sweet produced over 3,000 images.

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

Welcome New Borough Employee

Elsa Diaz – Tax/Utility Clerk

HPTV Highlights for March 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
8:30pm – 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/School 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 Insight
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
3:30pm – 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 DomainDomain - Movies

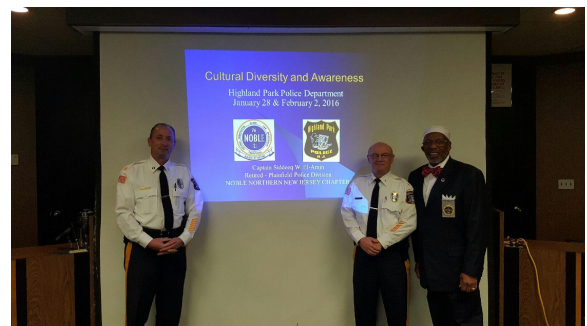
Sustainable Home Energy Audit Information Session



Join the Sustainability Movement in Highland Park! Come learn about how making energy improvements to your home can create a healthier environment and help you save money.

On Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm at the Highland Park Public Library, meet with Ciel Power for an information session about the home energy audit. For more information, visit www.cielpower.com/highlandpark.

Diversity Training at the Highland Park Police Department



As part of its ongoing efforts to best serve our diverse community, the Highland Park Police Department recently participated in a Cultural Diversity and Awareness training session. The training, held on January 28 and February 2, was conducted by retired Plainfield Police Captain Siddeeq El-Amin. It focused on the changing composition of neighborhoods that require police officers to interact with various multi-cultural, ethnic members of the community.

Park Partners 2016 Winning Programs

The 3rd Annual Park Partners Community Grant Voting Session was another huge success. We are proud to announce the winning programs that will benefit our community.

1. Arts – Highland Park Magazine, a free, independent publication, will provide a unique look at our town through human interest stories and more!
2. Environment – Native plants will be restored in our open spaces to help restore the natural health to the fields and forests and enhance the wildlife habitats in these areas.
3. Health & Wellness or Universal Access – CuttingOutHunger will use the grant to help purchase additional food and supplies to the local Highland Park Community Food Bank.
4. Culture & Diversity – Prescription for Reading will purchase and distribute books to our young students who otherwise could not afford many books.

If you have an idea that will help benefit many members of our community, look for the 2017 Park Partners Grant applications, out in June.

Read Across America Intergenerational Event



To celebrate Read Across America, the Senior Center welcomed students from the Highland Park High School for a reading program on March 2.