

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

**Tuesday, March 22**

Friends of the Library – Poetry Night Series  
7:30 pm, Public Library

**Wednesday, March 23**

Walk With the Mayor  
6:00 pm, Entrance to Donaldson Park  
South 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave & Riverview Drive

**Friday, March 25**

**Good Friday**  
**Borough Offices Closed**

**Monday, March 28**

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program  
11:00 am, Senior/Youth Center

**Monday, March 28**

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

**Wednesday, March 30**

Walk With the Mayor  
6:00 pm, Entrance to Donaldson Park  
South 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave & Riverview Drive

**Saturday, April 2**

Opening the Door to Poetry with Jim Haba  
1:00 pm, Public Library

**Wednesday, April 6**

Bulk Waste Collection  
Business District, North Side & Triangle

**Thursday, April 7**

Project YouthRoots Fundraiser  
6:00 pm, The Bridge, 315 Raritan Ave

**Wednesday, April 13**

Bulk Waste Collection  
South Side

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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## Employee Recognition



During the month of March the Borough recognized the following employees who have years of dedicated service to the Borough and its residents:

### 5 Years

Andrea Costas-Baay  
Ashton Burrell  
Catherine Ciorciari  
Charlene Rayside  
Francesco Taddeo  
Karen Jarzabski

### 15 Years

Douglas Sipos  
Ilan Lancry  
Karen Connors

### 25 Years

Theodore Haas

### 10 Years

Beverly Spool  
Donna Fricke  
Janet Marcik  
Renee George  
Rudolph Rohan

### 30 Years

Frank Troy  
Joan Hullings

## Volunteer Appreciation Event



Volunteers are a vital part of our community, and the work these individuals do throughout the year is invaluable. We would not be the incredible town we are without our numerous volunteers.

Help celebrate our resident volunteers on Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 – 9:00pm at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A special award will be presented to the 2016 Volunteer of the Year, Allan Williams, for his tireless work and efforts on behalf of our community.

## HP Gives a Hoot/Project YouthROOTS Fundraiser



The Mayor and Council invite the community to a special fundraising event for Project YouthROOTS. Project YouthROOTS is a weeklong summer program for high school students entering grades 10 through 12. During this life-changing journey, participants will cultivate self-esteem, learn how to engage in global citizenship, and develop strategies to overcome challenges from bias, bullying and oppression. Students will create a growth plan to catalyze change at both a personal and community level.

Last year the community raised funds to send five of our high school students to this worthy program, and we would like to send five students this year as well. Please come out to support our young residents. You may also make a donation online at <http://inclusiveroots.org/highland-park-donations/>. RSVP by March 28 to [lgaveahoot@gmail.com](mailto:lgaveahoot@gmail.com).

Thursday, April 7, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 pm

The Bridge

315 Raritan Ave, Highland Park

**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

*ShayMarie Silvestri* and *Andrea Freiwald* were honored by Middlesex County College for their service as adjunct faculty members. Silvestri has been at the college in the Natural Sciences Department for 10 years, and Freiwald has been teaching in the Visual Performing and Media Arts Department for 30 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)*

## Recreational Trail Grant

Highland Park’s Recreational Trails program has received a \$6,500 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Federal Highway Administration. The funds will be used to develop, improve and maintain our Meadows Trail project. Highland Park is proud of our Green Community and our commitment to the environment and sustainability. These are tranquil and beautiful trails right here at home in Highland Park. We hope you have the opportunity to stroll along these paths.

## The Main Street Minute

### Highland Park 5K Race & Superhero Kids Races: Sunday May 1

Join Main Street Highland Park for a full day of fun starting with the eighth annual Run in the Park 5K on Sunday May 1 at 9 a.m. The course, which is completely closed to traffic during the race, starts next to Highland Park High School and then winds its way through the streets of Highland Park before finishing behind the High School on the track. Visit <http://runinthepark.org> to check out the course, register online, and check out sponsorship opportunities.

Following the 5K, refreshments will be available in the finish area. At 10 a.m. there will be Superhero Kids Races on the High School Track.

Race proceeds will benefit the Highland Park Police, Fire and First Aid, as well as the Library, Main Street, and the Recreation Department.

To register for the 5K and/or the Kids’ Races, visit <http://runinthepark.org> !

### Spring Fling Street Fair

After the 5K, make your way over to Raritan Avenue for the annual Spring Fling Street Fair, which is Sunday May 1 from 11:30 am – 4:30 pm. This annual spring festival is one of Highland Park’s signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, kids’ rides, and more. Admission is free! Highland Park businesses interested in participating should email [Rebecca@MainstreetHP.org](mailto:Rebecca@MainstreetHP.org) for a vendor application.

### Downtown Planting Days: Help Beautify Main Street

Get your hands dirty and help to fill more than 150 downtown planters with beautiful plants and flowers supplied by Main Street Highland Park. Downtown Planting Days will be Thursday May 12, 3 pm - 6 pm, and Saturday May 14, 10 am - 1 pm. Come to the Main Street Highland Park offices at 212 Raritan Avenue on either day to pick up your plants, your planter assignment, and get your free Planting Day t-shirt while supplies last!

Learn more about these events and more at [www.mainstreethp.org](http://www.mainstreethp.org), and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP](https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP) and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MainStreetHP](https://www.twitter.com/MainStreetHP)



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## Walk with the Mayor New Year/New Time!



The Highland Park Mayor’s Wellness Campaign Presents “Walk with the Mayor” on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, starting March 23. Meeting place will be at the entrance of Donaldson Park, South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Riverview Drive.

## Health & Wellness Series – Preventive Eye Care Program

Dr. Chani Miller, a Highland Park optometrist, will give a presentation on how to keep your eyes healthy at the Highland Park Public Library on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm, as the first in a Health and Wellness Series sponsored by Highland Park Public Library, 31 North Fifth Ave. She will talk about behaviors, eye exams, and nutritional tips to enhance and preserve your vision. Throughout the spring and summer more Health and Wellness Programs will be scheduled.

## Garbage Collection Schedule (week of 3/21 – 3/25)

- March 21 (Monday) - Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- March 22 (Tuesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- March 23 (Wednesday) – Business District, & South Side Garbage Collection
- March 24 (Thursday) – South Side Recycling Collection
- March 25 (Friday) - Holiday

## Bulk Waste Collection Schedule

- Business District: April 6
- Triangle: April 6
- South Side: April 13

Materials may be placed at the curbside no sooner than one hour before sundown of the day prior to scheduled pick-up. No appointment is required. Materials not properly secured/bundled and unacceptable items will not be collected. For a list of acceptable bulk waste visit <http://www.hpboro.com/index.aspx?NID=91>.

## St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Highland Park Seniors celebrated St. Patrick’s Day last week with lunch at the Senior/Youth Center. Highland Park High School special education students assisted by serving lunch to the Seniors as they danced the afternoon away with songs by vocalist Ian Gallagher.

