

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Monday, April 4

Friends of the Library Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Tuesday, April 5

Council Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

### Tuesday, April 5

Health & Wellness Series – Preventative Eye Care  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Wednesday, April 6

Walk With the Mayor  
6:00 p.m., Donaldson Park

### Wednesday, April 6

Community Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Wednesday, April 6

Environmental Commission  
8:00 p.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

### Thursday, April 7

YouthROOTS Fundraiser Event  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., The Bridge Turkish Grill

### Thursday, April 7

Commission for Universal Access  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

### Thursday, April 7

Redevelopment Agency  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

### Sunday, April 10

Author Talk with Justin Krebs-Blue  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Tuesday, April 12

Author Talk with Laurie Granieri  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Tuesday, April 12

Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Wednesday, April 13

Walk With the Mayor  
6:00 p.m., Donaldson Park

### Wednesday, April 13

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

### Wednesday, April 13

Sustainable Highland Park  
7:30 p.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

### Wednesday, April 13

Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

### Thursday, April 14

Board of Health  
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

### Thursday, April 14

The Rise of Beetle Mania in America  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Thursday, April 14

Planning Board  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

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



This spring Highland Park is buzzing with events and projects to benefit our residents.

Be sure to visit our downtown for shopping, eating and socializing as well!

**YouthROOTS** – On Thursday, April 7, the Borough is hosting a fundraising event for Project YouthROOTS, a mentorship camp for high school students. Last year the community came together to send 5 of our high school students to this incredible camp, and we are hoping to send 5 more this year as well. Please join me at The Bridge Turkish Grill (315 Raritan Ave) on April 7, 6:00-8:00pm for entertainment by some of our student performers, refreshments, and a sale of items donated by our unique local shops. Admission is only \$25 per person. I look forward to seeing you all there!

**Volunteer Appreciation Event** – Our town would not be the same without our numerous and dedicated group of volunteers. We have a diverse and active group of commissions and committees, in addition to our Recreation, Environmental, and HP Gives a Hoot volunteers and more. On Tuesday, April 12, 7:00-9:00pm, come to the Senior/Youth Center (220 South 6th Ave) to celebrate their hard work and commitment to Highland Park. Resident Allan Williams will receive the Volunteer of the Year Award for his invaluable work for our Sustainable Highland Park and our Environmental Commission for the past eight years.

**Highland Park 5K and Street Fair** – On May 1st, Main Street Highland Park is sponsoring our annual HP 5K and Street Fair. These events are always successful and fun, with hundreds of residents running and walking through town for the 5K, and then strolling downtown for food, crafts and activities at the Street Fair. Proceeds from this event go to benefit our volunteer Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Recreation Department, Highland Park Public Library and Main Street Highland Park.

**Walk With The Mayor** – Now that spring is here, I encourage you to join me every Wednesday at 6:00pm for a walk around our beautiful parks or bustling downtown. This month, we meet at the entrance to Donaldson Park at Riverview Drive and South 2nd Avenue for some great exercise, interesting conversation, and fun times with our neighbors. Last week we welcomed residents of all ages, as you can see from our group photos! For information about the walks, and for cancellations due to inclement weather, visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/hpboro](https://facebook.com/hpboro).



**EARTH DAY**  
CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY APRIL 17TH  
11:00am - 3:00pm

WALK, BIKE, SKIP OR RUN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER AND ENJOY A FUN-FILLED DAY!

- Music, food and activities for all ages
- Beekeeping, raising chickens, food preservation and more
- Scavenger hunt on the river trail
- Environmental science and engineering activities for kids
- Tour the Native Plant Reserve

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HIGHLAND PARK

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EVENT PARTNERS:  
HP High School • HP Middle School  
Bartle School • Irving School

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER • 20 RIVER ROAD

Join us for the Earth Day celebration on April 17 and enjoy great music and food with your neighbors while learning about how to make a more sustainable home, community and planet. Get answers to your questions about beekeeping and raising chickens, go for a scavenger hunt on the river trail, take advantage of special environmental science and engineering activities for kids, and much, much more! The event takes place from 11 AM - 3 PM at the Environmental Education Center at 20 River Road.

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.



Joan Snyder (April 16, 1940) is an American painter and a MacArthur Fellow, Guggenheim Fellow, and National Endowment for the Arts Fellow. Snyder is known for her elegant and abstract "stroke paintings". She gained public attention in the early 1970s, and her collections have been in The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Guggenheim and more. Snyder was born in Highland Park and received her AB from Douglass College and her MFA from Rutgers University in 1966. She currently lives in Brooklyn, NY and Woodstock, NY.

*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 April 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  
12:30pm – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update  
1:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm - Borough Council Meetings  
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

## 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/>.

Thursday, April 7, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 pm

The Bridge

315 Raritan Ave, Highland Park

- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- Gifts for Sale from our unique local shops
- Admission is \$25

## HP Municipal Band Concert



Come out for a Free Municipal Band Concert this Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South Sixth Ave. Listen to music played by members of our Highland Park community, students, and faculty members. Fun for all ages! Refreshments will be served!

## County Announces New Days and Location for Purchasing Composting Bins



Are you a Middlesex County resident who's concerned about the environment? A great way to keep your home green and healthy is through composting. This environmentally friendly procedure allows you to reduce waste and improve soil, right in your own backyard.

Starting April 1st the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management will have composting bins for sale every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 711 Jersey Avenue in New Brunswick. Different types of bins are available, including those exclusively for yard trimmings, bins that use scraps from your table and yard, and an indoor bin for vermi-composting with worms. For more info visit <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/>.