

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, May 16

Dance With The Mayor
6:45 p.m., Arthur Murray Dance Center, 75 Raritan Ave

Tuesday, May 17

Teen Gaming Afternoon
3:00 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, May 17

Asian – Pacific American Heritage Program
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

Human Relations Commission
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, May 21

HP Community Chorus Spring Concert
8:00 p.m., Reformed Church

Sunday, May 22

Judith Rosenstein Art Reception
2:00 PM, Public Library

Monday, May 23

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, May 24

Teen Craft Emoji Pillows
3:00 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, May 24

Friends of the Library Poetry Night – Poet Ocean Vuong
7:30 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

Kids Afternoon at the Movies – Kung Fu Panda 3
1:30 p.m., Public Library

Thursday, May 26

Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Borough Offices Closed

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Memorial Day Parade
11:00 a.m., Monument Square

Wednesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 2

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

Thursday, June 2

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

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com for updates

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Council Update from Councilman Philip George



Philip George - Councilman
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I have been concentrating our Economic Development Council Committee efforts on development this year. I sponsored the Redevelopment Agency's proposed updates to the Redevelopment Plan to accommodate proposed small Redevelopment project on Raritan Avenue. That amendment required the Council to refer the proposal to the Planning Board jointly formed a working committee to fine-tune the proposal, and the proposal was then approved by the Planning Board and recommended to the Borough Council.

The Planning Board heard the application of American Properties for its 110 for-sale unit project on Cleveland Avenue. After several hearings on the project, American Properties supplied additional information which met Planning Board concerns, and the application was approved. The applicant accepted all of the Board's conditions, including advance meetings with the Police Department to plan construction traffic control before the construction commences.

Main Street Highland Park presented a plan for future development of the Borough-owned municipal parking lot to the Redevelopment Agency. The Borough, after reviewing the plan, has implemented a coordinated planning committee to develop a proposal through the Redevelopment Agency which may access grants and development funds and interest developers.

The Parking Planning Group which the Mayor has asked me to form will be holding its first meeting shortly to examine parking downtown for ways to improve parking for shoppers, employees and residents. Parking is a key component of downtown improvement in any municipality and this group, composed of representatives from a number of boards and administrative offices, as well as a number of residents, will be looking for solutions to optimize our downtown usage.

Once again, I remind all of our residents to take advantage of the open public meetings of all our Boards and Agencies so that you can see and hear the planning for the "nuts and bolts" of our Highland Park, and have an opportunity for comment and input on the process.

Annual Memorial Day Parade



Support our Veterans at Highland Park's annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016. Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. at Monument Square in New Brunswick (corner of Livingston Ave and George St) and proceeds up Raritan Avenue to the Doughboy Monument in Highland Park. A short ceremony will take place honoring our Veterans and troops overseas.

We encourage residents to come out and line the streets to honor those who sacrificed their lives to keep us safe. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call 732-819-0052.

Highland Park Environmental Commission Awarded Grant

The Environmental Commission has been awarded a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to educate residents on birding, open space, and ecology. The grant funds will be used to provide monthly educational events.

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 Marks

Highland Park High School Class President **Eliana Hrizco** has received a 2016 Caring Award by the Middlesex County Guidance Council. The award is given to one student from each high school in Middlesex County for outstanding community service. Elaina's award recognizes her organizing the first-ever Highland Park Color Run and for raising more than \$8,000 to benefit Operation Shoebox of New Jersey and to help that helps to defray prom costs for the students at the High School.

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

Dance With the Mayor

Interested in learning how to dance? Join the Mayor and your Highland Park neighbors on Monday, May 16 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Arthur Murray Dance Center located at 75 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ. For additional information call 732-246-0550 or visit www.amdancing.com.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day



Millions of Americans are coming together to fight for a country where every person can live free from gun violence. If you believe there is more we can do to save American lives from gun violence, wear Orange on June 2. The color orange symbolizes the value of human life. WILL YOU WEAR ORANGE? For more information please visit <http://wearorange.org>.



Walk with the Mayor



Walk with the Mayor every Wednesday (weather permitting) at 6:00 p.m. in Donaldson Park. The meeting place is at Donaldson Park Entrance, South 2nd Ave and Riverview Drive. No registration is required. For cancellations or changes followup on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hpboro.

Highland Park Seniors Celebrate Mothers Day



Approximately 135 Highland Park Seniors celebrated Mother's Day at a luncheon held at the Senior/Youth Center on May 9. Greek cuisine was provided by Pithari Taverna and *A Touch of Sinatra* (pictured above) provided entertainment. After the luncheon, many seniors participated in a special planting project where they decorated a terracotta pot and planted a flower or herb to take home.

Rabies Clinic



There will be a free rabies clinic held on Thursday, June 2 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm and again on Sunday, June 5 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Public Works Garage, 444 Valentine Street. All animals must be leashed or in carriers. For additional information, please contact the Edison Township Health Department at 732-248-6433 or via email at health@edisonnj.org.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day). The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows;

- May 30 (Monday) – Memorial Day – Closed**
- May 31 (Tuesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- June 1 (Wednesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- June 2 (Thursday) – South Side Recycling Collection
- June 3 (Friday) – Business District & South Side Garbage Collection

HPTV Volunteer Drive



What is HPTV? HPTV is Highland Park's Public Education and Government channel, established in 1996. It broadcast Borough Council, Board of Education Meetings, as well as other locally produced programs.

We are looking for volunteers to expand programming and keep current programming available to our viewers. No Experience? No Problem - we will train you. Join us on Thursday, June 2 at 12:30 p.m. or Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center to learn more, if you can't attend in person email us at hptv151515@gmail.com for more information on how you can volunteer.

Mosquito Control

Each spring (now!), mosquitoes lay their eggs in virtually anything that contains even small amounts of standing water or decomposing organic material. Examples include: old tires, birdbaths, depressions in tarps, clogged gutters, even an upturned bottle cap. Look over your property carefully for any breeding sites. Be sure to empty/replace any containers with standing water (e.g. birdbaths) at least weekly.

If you would like your property evaluated for FREE by a mosquito specialist, call the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission at (732) 549-0665.

Useful websites:

- <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/MosquitoControl.aspx>
- <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/MCMosquito.aspx>
- <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/search.asp?cat=9999&searchstring=mosquito>



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

Highland Park is looking for volunteers to help collect donations for our "HP Gives A Hoot" fund!

Earn volunteer hours for school - Help your fellow students

When:

Independence Day/ParkStock Celebration, Sunday - July 3, 5:30 – 9:00pm (work ½ hour or 1 hour shift)

What:

- Walk through the crowd with collection jars
- Help at the Children's Activity Center Tent

To volunteer, contact Stacy Kaplan at skaplan@hpboro.com or 732-819-3781. For more information on HP Gives a A Hoot or to donate, contact us at igaveahoot@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HP-Gives-A-Hoot-1579537095700697/>.