

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, July 19

Book Break 3-5 yr. old Story Time
11:30 a.m., Public Library

Tuesday, July 19

International Film Series – Son of Saul
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, July 20

International Film Series – Survival of the Fittest
1:30 p.m., Public Library

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

Summer Afternoon Film Series – Soul Surfer
3:00 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, July 26

Meet & Greet Middlesex County Director Rios
10:00 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, July 26

Book Break 3-5 yr. old Story Time
11:30 a.m., Public Library

Tuesday, July 26

International Film Series - Samba
6:40 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, July 27

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

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

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Did You Know?

Do I need a permit to place a dumpster in the road in front of my house?

No you do not need a permit. However there are specifications that must be met, such as the dumpster must be in a legal parking space and must have reflective tape. Please contact Lt. Gary Panichella prior to leaving a dumpster at 732-572-3800 ext. 4212 or gpanichella@hpboro.com

Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



In the midst of this uncertain world in which we are living, the Borough of Highland Park is an oasis of calm and openness. The current climate throughout the country is a sad mix of intolerance and misunderstanding, and I am both proud and relieved that our community is insulated from this toxic energy that is affecting many other communities. We aren't perfect, but we strive to be the best we can.

Highland Park has a diverse population – 36% of our households have one or more minority resident, 43 languages are spoken among the students in our schools, and our many ethnic restaurants represent at least 12 unique cultures. Yet, despite our diverse backgrounds, our residents work, play, and live together in a unified, cooperative environment. We celebrate each other's cultures throughout the year, with holiday celebrations and town-wide events. We help our neighbors through our "HP Gives a Hoot" fund and Community Food Bank. And we learn from each other in our schools, diversity programs at our Library, and activities at our Senior/Recreation Center.

At the same time, it is important for us to understand the current situation, and talk about what we, as a model of a diverse community, can do to help solve some of our nation's issues. Our Highland Park Police Department plays an active role in promoting unity, by holding Community Forums in cooperation with our Human Relations Committee and participating in Sensitivity Training sessions on a regular basis. These sessions are run by police officers or officials in a variety of ethnic groups, such as Chinese, LGBT community, African American, Orthodox Jewish and more. All officers are required to attend these sessions to help them understand each culture's traditions and concerns, and to help them better serve our diverse residents.

Our active Human Relations Commission also runs unity programs throughout the year, including our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Ceremony, in which we honor a member of the community who has excelled in volunteer work. And we are planning a special Day of Discussion on September 11th, to remember those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks and to help us move forward toward a more inclusive and united future.

Resident Karen Kanter initiated Middlesex County's Brady Campaign/Million Mom March Chapter to help end gun violence. It is very fitting that the County's gun violence control volunteer organization is housed in Highland Park, where residents have taken a stand against gun violence for many years now.

It is an honor to serve a community that is so open and welcoming to all individuals, and so committed to ending hatred and violence in America. I encourage our residents to promote this positive attitude by getting involved in organizations that promote tolerance and cooperation, and by continuing to make progress toward unity throughout the country.



The Highland Park Police Department hosts National Night Out Against Crime each year on the first Tuesday in August. The event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness and strengthen police-community relationships. It has a block party atmosphere, complete with a DJ, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and other refreshments all for FREE.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to receive valuable educational material, view emergency service equipment and vehicles on display courtesy of the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Police Department. Raffles and giveaways of merchandise made possible through donations by Highland Park businesses will take place throughout the event. Residents of all ages are invited to come spend the evening with neighbors, friends and police for the National Night Out Against Crime.

Come out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at North 3rd and Raritan Avenues.

Please bring a non-perishable item for donation to the Highland Park Food Bank. For more information contact Lt. Panichella or Lt. Hammill at 732-572-3800 ext. 4212 or 4235.

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 native **Sam Hoffman** has enjoyed a successful 20+ year career as a film and television producer and director, most recently as Executive Producer of John Carney's *Can A Song Save Your Life* with Keira Knightley and Mark Ruffalo. In April, Hoffman made his directorial debut with, and wrote the script for, the comedy *Humor Me*, starring Elliot Gould, Jemaine Clement, Ingrid Michaelson, Bebe Neuwirth, Erich Bergen and Annie Potts. He also produced *Moonrise Kingdom* and produces the TV series *Madam Secretary*. In 2009, Hoffman created the renowned website OldJewsTellingJokes.com, with more than 18 million views.

Hoffman graduated with Honors from the University of Pennsylvania. He lives in New York City with his wife, Andrea Crane, and their two children. He graduated from Highland Park High School, and his parents continue to reside in Highland Park.

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

Highland Park High School Hall of Honor Program

In honor of their 50th reunion celebration in October, the Highland Park High School (HPHS) Class of 1966 & 1967 has established a Hall of Honor program. The program will induct HPHS alumni who have made a significant contribution to society and achieved notable accomplishments during their life.

The committee anticipates honoring eight inductees at the October 21 Homecoming celebration. Nominees should be selected for their contributions to society and for demonstrating at least one of the HPHS mission statement traits of Openness, Wisdom, Leadership and Spirit. To nominate a graduate, visit the following link:

https://docs.google.com/a/hpboro.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQbPHVik8AI-0Yg_NolFuCh3vpGuolaf3YCAeZfWfPfl5Sew/viewform?c=0&w=1

Meet & Greet with Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios



The Highland Park Senior Center is holding a Meet & Greet with Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. The event will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 10:00am at the Senior Center, 220 South 6th Ave. Freeholder Rios will discuss the many programs and services offered through the County's Aging and Disabled Services Office and how the County and Highland Park work together to serve our residents. He will be joined by staff members who can answer questions as well. Refreshments will be served. Call to sign up at 732-819-0052, or stop by the Senior Center.



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Bulk Trash Pick-Up



- Business District - August 3
- North Side - August 3
- Triangle - August 3
- South Side - August 10

Acceptable Items

The following items are examples of acceptable bulk waste and are not collected with the regular garbage collection:

Furniture – sofas, chairs, tables, clothing dressers, bookshelves, mattresses, and box springs.

Fixtures – toilets, tanks, tubs, sink basins

Carpet – rolls under four feet in length, tied securely in bundles not to exceed 18 inches in diameter

Home Improvement Materials – small amounts of material from self improvement projects only: Contractor generated material will not be accepted. Material will be accepted with the following limits:

- Four small bundles of wood, under four feet in length, tied securely in bundles not to exceed 18 inches in diameter, nails removed
- Two doors
- Five window frames, with glass removed
- Bundles of sheet rock or paneling, securely bound or one container of broken sheet rock, with a 50 lb weight limit for bundle or container

Unacceptable Items

We do not collect / accept at any time the following:

- Dirt
- Concrete
- Roofing materials
- Hazardous materials
- Automotive parts or scraps

Materials may be placed at the curbside no sooner than one hour before sundown of the day prior to scheduled pickup. No appointment is required. Materials not properly secured/bundled and unacceptable items will not be collected

Recycling Reusable Items

Instead of recycling expensive Bulk Pick-up, civic minded donors are providing goods to individuals, organizations and businesses and diverting trash to reuse, thereby cutting municipal expenses and extending the life of local landfills. If you have Reuseable Items to donate, please check the Middlesex County Reuse-It book; a guide to area locations where Middlesex County residents can donate their unwanted goods for reuse:

<http://www.mciauth.com/recycleframe.htm>

Youth Academy



The Highland Park Police Department is sponsoring a Youth Academy this summer, and the first week was a huge success! At the camp, Highland Park Police Officers join students in activities and games, and the students learn about various aspects of law enforcement. Already they have welcomed the Middlesex County S.O.R.T., the Gang Unit from Middlesex County Corrections, the New Brunswick K-9 Unit, the FBI, Highland Park Detectives and more. The students have boundless energy and enthusiasm, and the Police Officers, though tired out by the end of the day, are having a blast working with the children! Many thanks to Youth Officer Joe Curbelo and Office Gaetano Palumbo for running the HPPD Youth Academy.