

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

**Wednesday, October 5**  
Housing Authority Board  
6:30 p.m., Samuel J. Kronman Building

**Wednesday, October 5**  
Community Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

**Wednesday, October 5**  
Environmental Commission  
8:00 p.m., Environmental Center

**Thursday, October 6**  
Commission for Universal Access  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

**Thursday, October 6**  
John Bianculli's Jazz Trio  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

**Thursday, October 6**  
Redevelopment Agency  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

**October 7 – November 4**  
Chronic Disease Self- Management Program  
10:30 a.m., Public Library

**Monday, October 10**  
Columbus Day - Borough Offices Closed

**Tuesday, October 11**  
Teen Cuisine Paninis  
3:00 p.m., Public Library

**Wednesday, October 12**  
Council Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

**Wednesday, October 12**  
Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

**Thursday, October 13**  
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde-Raconteur  
Live Radio Play  
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

**Thursday, October 13**  
Board of Health  
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

**Thursday, October 13**  
Planning Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

**October 8, October 13 & 15**  
Food Pantry Distribution

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



Now that summer is officially over, Highland Park is welcoming in the fall with fun events, new programs, and even more downtown shopping opportunities.

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Arts in the Park celebration was a great success, with thousands of residents and visitors flocking to our downtown to see and purchase artwork from local and neighboring artists. Thank you to Main Street Highland Park and the Highland Park Arts Commission for another fantastic art fair. This annual event showcases all our local artists and some from neighboring towns. Another reason to visit Highland Park for the arts!

Last month we held an informative Meet the Mayor event at the River Ridge apartment building. The topic for the evening was public safety. Residents of the building and the community listened to me and several of our community leaders, including Police Chief Rizco, Fire Chief Littman, and First Aid Captain Patrick Boulanger and President Robin Lowenstein, talk about their organizations' roles in the Borough, and the services they provide to the community. Some of our residents were surprised to learn that our First Aid Squad and Fire Department are made up of citizen volunteers. Participants asked relevant questions about safety and emergency services, and we discussed issues that were of concern to the residents.

As you know, downtown development is the economic future of our municipality. We are committed to providing our Redevelopment Agency with the tools necessary to achieve this smart development. On September 27, we held an Open Public Information Session to discuss downtown development and the concept of an Area in Need of Rehabilitation for the Borough. Our Borough Planner, Jim Constantine, joined me, Councilman Phil George, and Redevelopment Agency chair Rosie Baruh to explain the features and importance of moving our community forward with positive development. We talked about our Infrastructure and Capital Improvement planning for our growth. Smart downtown development is the kind of development we need to stabilize our taxes with the least impact on our infrastructure. I appreciate everyone who came out to learn about this designation and speak to us. It was a very positive evening and I look forward to more open events like this. If you were unable to attend, or would like to hear about next steps, please come to the Planning Board Meeting on October 13, 7:30pm at Borough Hall.

The Borough recently performed a bikeability assessment to determine the safety of bike routes, especially for children riding to school. We were the first community in New Jersey to conduct such an assessment with participation from Rutgers University, the Department of Transportation and our residents. Results of this assessment will be presented at our new Safe Walking and Cycling Committee. They will work on a recommendation to implement these improvements. As a walking/biking town, Highland Park takes bicycle and pedestrian safety very seriously. Please be aware and cautious while driving, especially during morning and afternoon hours when children are heading to or from school.

I am continuing our monthly Wednesday Walk with the Mayor. We will be switching our venue from Donaldson Park to our downtown so that we can enjoy all our retailers' windows. This month we will be walking on Wednesday, 10/19. Meet me on the corner of Raritan Avenue and S. Adelaide at 6:30am. Let's keep living healthy!

## 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.



**Roy Fox Lichtenstein** (October 27, 1923 – September 29, 1997) was an American artist best known for his parodies of comic strips and advertisements. Lichtenstein became interested in art as a teen, and attended The Ohio State University for fine arts. He was drafted and sent to Europe during World War II, after which he returned to finish his undergraduate and master's degree. In the late 1940s he exhibited his art in galleries nationwide, and in the 1960's, while teaching at Rutgers University and living in Highland Park, he began creating new work focusing on American popular culture. This bold new style was influenced by comic books and advertising. His best known work is "Whaam!", which he painted in 1963. By the mid-1960s he was recognized as a leader in the Pop Art movement, and his work was popular with collectors and art dealers. Lichtenstein received numerous honorary degrees and awards, including the National Medal of Arts in 1995.

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 October 2016

Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers)  
Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers)

### Monday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio  
12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase  
12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town  
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights  
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk  
2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk  
8:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

### Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies  
12:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase  
12:30 p.m. – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update  
1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings  
2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Spotlight on Middlesex County  
2:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. – Access New Jersey  
3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – Not Just Rock & Roll

### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting  
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights  
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk  
3:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk  
4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies

### Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies  
10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

## County to Offer Composting Workshops



If you are a Middlesex County resident who is concerned about the environment, now is the time to learn how to reduce waste and improve soil, right in your own backyard.

Workshops are being offered to show residents how to cut down on trash and create a natural gardening resource by composting yard waste and kitchen scraps.

Two free composting seminars are being held at the Middlesex County Earth Center in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave, South Brunswick, NJ. Classes run about 2 hours and feature an overview and explanation of two composting techniques:

Vermi-Composting (using worms) – 6:30 p.m., October 12  
Backyard Composting – 10:00 a.m., October 15

To register please call the Middlesex County Office of Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 or e-mail [solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us).

## Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day). The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows;

- October 10 (Monday) – Closed**
- October 11 (Tuesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- October 12 (Wednesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- October 13 (Thursday) – South Side Recycling Collection
- October 14 (Friday) – Business District & South Side Garbage Collection

## Leaf Season

The Borough provides biodegradable leaf bags which will be available for pick-up after Columbus Day, at the Department of Public Works, 444 Valentine Street from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm. Up to Twenty bags are provided per property and recorded at pick-up. If using a landscape service, please provide a signed letter allowing the landscaper to pick up bags on your behalf. Any remaining bags will be available after December 1 on a first come basis.

During November and December, leaves are collected curbside weekly, which we then pick up and deliver to a compost facility. Leaves must be placed curbside in either biodegradable paper bags or loosely in garbage cans. Leaves placed curbside in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be accepted.

Please place leaf bags/cans at curbside on Sunday evening. Each street will get a pick-up at least once per week. Neighborhood start points will be rotated throughout town for the season.

**Do not** rake or blow leaves into the street; it is considered littering, causes parking issues, and other potential hazards. It is a violation of Borough ordinance, as well as, the State of New Jersey Storm Water Management Act. The street sweeper is not designed to pick-up piles of raked leaves.

Have you considered backyard composting? See our article in the Summer edition of the Highland Park News on Page 4 or visit the Borough website at <http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/2677>. The State mandates that leaves be recycled and composted.