

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

International Film Series - Marguerite
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, October 18

Council Committee
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, October 19

Walk with the Mayor
7:00 a.m., South Adelaide & Raritan Ave

Thursday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

Breast Cancer Awareness Talk
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Monday, October 24

Library Board of Trustee
7:30 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, October 25

Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series
7:30 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

Food Pantry Distribution
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,
Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, October 27

How I got to H.P. – Come tell your story
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Saturday, October 29

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Sunday, October 30

Halloween Costume Parade
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., HP High School

Tuesday, November 1

Public Information Committee
6:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

Environmental Commission
8:00 p.m., Environmental Center

Thursday, November 3

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

Thursday, November 3

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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Highland Park Remembers Councilman Jon Erickson



Councilman Jon Erickson passed away Sunday morning after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was 67.

Jon served the Borough with distinction and honor since 2002, and he worked tirelessly for the Borough all the way up to his passing. On Council, Jon's portfolio included the Finance Committee, where he served as chair, the Capital Planning & Project Review Committee, and the Public Works and Health and Human Services Committees. He previously served as chair of the Health and Human Services Commission and was the Council representative to the Community Development Block Grant Committee and the Mayor's Digital Data Task Force.

Jon was critical in the development of the Borough's Park Partners Grant Program, which rewarded citizen innovation with seed money to turn ideas into action.

Never boastful of his extensive expertise, Jon had a deep knowledge of municipal government which was an enormous asset to the Borough. He held a bachelor of arts in Urban Planning from the University of Oregon and a PhD in Planning and Policy Development from Rutgers. Despite his illness, he continued to serve as an Associate Professor at Kean University, teaching courses in environmental management, urban planning, collective bargaining and public policy. While at Kean, he conducted research on homelessness, fiscal stress, state and regional planning, economic and fiscal impact analysis, racial segregation, and financial management.

Born in Seattle and raised primarily on the Oregon coast, Jon came to New Jersey to attend graduate school and stayed here ever since. Since then, he held a variety of planning and economic analyst positions including stints at the New Jersey State and Local Expenditure and Revenue Policy Commission, the Public Advocate, New Jersey Future and the Department of Environmental Protection.

In addition, Jon held a variety of teaching and academic research positions in Oregon, Texas, New York and New Jersey.

An advocate for his profession, Jon served as chair of the American Federation of Teachers' New Jersey Political Action Committee.

Jon is survived by his wife, Anne Sherber, and his daughter, Tess, who is a graduate of Highland Park High School and New York University.

We will miss Jon and his quiet leadership so much. The impact of his absence will never dissipate. Instead, Highland Park will have to rally to celebrate his accomplishments as a family man, public servant, and educator and carry out his legacy as he surely would have wanted.

We extend our love and deep condolences to Anne and Tess. Jon will live on through the lives he touched and through his commitment to Highland Park.

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 Borough employee, **Shayne SantaLucia** was presented with an honor for “Distinguished Service Medal” in September from the State of New Jersey and Governor Chris Christie for distinguished meritorious service in ground operations during Iraqi Freedom in the Southwest Asiatic. Congratulations to Mr. SantaLucia, and thank you for your service to our great country.

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 Food Pantry

The Highland Park Community Food Pantry (HPCFP) will be distributing Thanksgiving Holiday Birds (turkeys/chickens) to our Food Pantry clients. To be eligible to sign up for a bird **clients must have an up-to-date HPCFP card**. Sign up will take place at the regular Food Pantry distributions (October 27 and 29; November 10 and 12) and with Nicole Huff from October 31-November 12 during regular Senior/Youth Center business hours.

After you have signed up, the Thanksgiving Holiday Bird can be picked up on November 17th from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon at the Senior/Youth Center. If you are not a Food Pantry client, please see Nicole Huff to get an up-to-date HPCFP card.

TO QUALIFY TO USE THE FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is open to anyone who lives or works in Highland Park and who needs food assistance. Bring (1) government issued ID (for example a driver’s license, passport, etc.) and (2) proof that you live or work in Highland Park. If your address is listed on your ID than you can use the ID OR bring a bill, lease, or bank statement that shows your address. To sign up and for more information contact: Nicole Huff at 732-819-0052 or nhuff@hpboro.com or visit the office located at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6th Ave.

Halloween Costume Parade and Festival

Sunday, October 30 from 2:00pm-5:00pm, the Highland Park Department of Community Services will hold their annual Halloween Costume Parade and Festival in the Highland Park High School Gym, for children in pre-k through grade 6 (please bring an adult). Join us for spooky and fun music by DJ John, the Wizard’s Castle Bounce House, activities, crafts, and refreshments. Prizes and giveaways will be awarded following the Costume Parade. Sponsored by the Borough of Highland Park, Over the Moon Toys, Ziran Martial Arts, Yellow Brick Road Preschool, Stop & Shop, and a grant by the Middlesex County Community Development Block Grant.

Park Partners Grant Program

Highland Park is continually working to make improvements and increase development and growth throughout the town, and residents are encouraged to participate in its growth.

If you have a great idea for a program to benefit Highland Park, the Park Partner Grant Program can help you make that idea reality! The Borough will provide up to \$2,000 to help you execute your project. Projects can be in the following categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, Universal Access or Health & Wellness. Fill out an application available online at <http://www.hpboro.com> or pick up one at Borough Hall, and help make a difference in Highland Park! Deadline is November 4, 2016.

Highland Park Goes Solar



The Borough of Highland Park and Sustainable Highland Park encourage you to participate in the Solar Program from EnergySage. Homeowners can register their homes on the website, www.hpsolar.org, for free online resources, instant solar estimates from qualified, pre-screened solar panel installments, and engage with solar companies. Solar energy provides a clean energy source and can result in savings on your electric bill.

Meditation Made Easy

Does the holiday season stress you out? Join Bobbie Ellis, director of Soma Center, for a refreshing approach to meditation suitable for everyone. Learn simple embodied meditation and breathing techniques you can use every day to reduce stress and increase presence in your life, work, and relationships. Bobbie has been teaching yoga, movement and embodied meditation for 31 years. Meditation can help you live a healthier, happier life. Please join us for two sessions, December 1 and December 8 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Highland Park Public Library, 31 North 5th Ave. To register call the library at 732-572-2750 or go to the front desk.

The Main Street Minute

Main Street Highland Park invites you to

Halloween on the Ave

Monday October 31st, 2:30 pm

- FREE TRICK-OR-TREAT TOTE BAGS available for pick up at Linx8, Over the Moon Toys, Speak Music, or Main Street after October 27
- DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREATING at Raritan Avenue businesses, 2:30–5:30 pm
- LIVE MUSIC ON THE CORNERS including El Noordzo and Bruce Frankenstein & the Fun Ghouls in costume: 2:30–5:30 pm
- OUTDOOR MOVIES in the HP Outdoor Movie Theater
 - The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown: 6 pm
 - Pet Semetary: 7 pm

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