

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, December 6

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

Tuesday, December 6

Healthy Aging Tips for your Body & Brain
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, December 7

Bulk Pick-Up
Business District, North Side & Triangle

Wednesday, December 7

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

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8

Stretch with the Mayor
7:30 a.m., Kinetics Flow, 409 Raritan Ave

Thursday, December 8

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, December 8

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

Thursday, December 8

Meditation Made Easy with Bobbie Ellis
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Thursday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 10

Wildlife Education Program
9:00 a.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

Saturday, December 10

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

Monday, December 12

Dining to Donate Fundraiser for "HP Gives a Hoot"
11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Applebee's, Route 1, Edison

Tuesday, December 13

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

Tuesday, December 13

Borough Council Goals & Priorities
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, December 14

Bulk Pick-Up
South Side

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

Ask the Dog Trainer
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and you are getting prepared for the upcoming holidays!

Highland Park is ready for the holidays, with our downtown decorated in snowflake lights. Our multi-religious and multi-ethnic holiday celebrations began with our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. Our Kwanzaa Kinara Lighting is scheduled for Monday, December 26 at 10:30 a.m. and the Hanukkah Menorah Lighting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28 at 6:00 p.m. Our diverse population makes the holidays unique, educational and fun for everyone. And, I've already started my holiday shopping along Raritan Avenue buying toys, clothing, giftware and more. I hope to see you shopping in our many eclectic shops downtown as well.

November was a busy month for the Borough. Earlier this month I attended the NJ League of Municipalities, along with several of our Council members and Borough employees. Aside from the many informative sessions I attended, Highland Park was presented with the prestigious Innovations in Governance Award again for the second time in three years! It was an honor to receive this award for our "HP Gives a Hoot" program, our community-wide fund to support the children in Highland Park. This program provides lunches for those who need when school is not in session, and provides opportunities to help our students succeed. We also received recognition for this program from the National League of Cities, which called our program a "Community-wide fund to Support Our Children." In this season of giving, think of "HP Gives a Hoot". To donate, mail a check to Borough of Highland Park, 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904, with Memo "HP Gives a Hoot". For information on the fund, or to donate, visit <https://www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot/> or email us at igaveahoot@gmail.com.

Another way you can help Highland Park is by submitting an application to the Park Partners Community Grant. This grant awards up to \$2000 for a project to benefit the community and encourage volunteerism. Grants are awarded in each of up to five categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, and Universal Access or Health & Wellness. The deadline for applications is December 15, so get your application now by downloading it at www.hpboro.com or picking up an application at the Clerk's Office in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue. Previous winners include CuttingOutHunger, the Native Plant Reserve, the Outdoor Movie Series, Enrich HP, and more!

As the cold weather approaches, be aware of snow and safety issues. When snow is in the forecast, please make sure your vehicle is not parked in an area that says "No Parking When Road is Snow Covered". Remove all basketball hoops and other items from the street that may be damaged by snow plows, and shovel or plow snow onto your lawn, not the street. These tips will enable the DPW to plow the streets quickly and safely for all of our residents. Also remember to keep sidewalks clear for pedestrians and wheelchair access. For more tips on snow removal, visit the DPW page www.hpboro.com.

I want to wish all of you a happy, healthy, safe holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you shopping downtown, at our gym sessions, "Stretch with the Mayor" yoga on Thursdays at Kinetics (409 Raritan Ave), and at our upcoming holiday events!

"HP Gives A Hoot" Applebee's Fundraiser



Help support Highland Park's children, and get a great deal on a great meal at Applebee's!

Highland Park has teamed up with Applebee's in Edison for a fundraiser to support "HP Gives a Hoot". Dine at Applebee's in Edison on December 12, from 11:00am – 9:00pm, and 10% of your bill will be donated to "HP Gives a Hoot".

You MUST present the flyer for your donation to count, so download the flyer from our website at www.hpboro.com, or our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot/> or pick up a copy at Borough Hall, 221 S. 5th Ave.

Applebee's of Edison is located at 1045 Route 1 South in Edison. Give a Hoot and enjoy a great meal with friends or family!

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 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.



General Robert Wood Johnson – (April 4, 1893 – January 30, 1968) was a pharmaceutical manufacturer and philanthropist. Robert's father founded Johnson & Johnson, and in 1932 he became president of the company, leading the company for 30 years. During his tenure, he added numerous divisions and increased annual sales from \$11 million to more than \$700. Johnson was active for a time in local politics. During the 1920s he served on the Borough Council for Highland Park, and served as mayor from 1920-1922. He was married three times and had two children. In 1963 he retired as president of J&J but remained with the company as Chairman of the Board. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was established after his death, starting with \$1.2 billion donated by him.

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

HPTV Highlights for December 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

10:00 a.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio

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12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town

1:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings

2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights

2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk

3:30 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk

4:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies

10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

Memo from Councilman Jim Walsh



As I work through my first year on Highland Park Borough Council, I would like to say, I am very thankful for the volunteers and staff that help make Highland Park a great place to live, raise a family, eat out or just go for a stroll. I had the pleasure of spending a couple days shadowing our hard working public works employees to better understand what they do, and regularly work with our staff and volunteers who run the recreation, arts, and senior programs in Highland Park.

The Recreation Committee works hard with our Borough staff to ensure there are great activities for people of all ages. They organize activities that range from chess and juggling to volleyball and tennis. The most exciting development in Recreation this year is probably the creation of a new flag football league in town. To learn about all of the great activities in our Recreation program, you can check out the Recreation page on the Borough website, or stop by the Recreation/Senior center anytime. If there is something else that you think we should be doing, please stop by our next meeting and offer a suggestion.

The Arts Commission is getting into full swing, with a newly rejuvenated commission that has workshops for spoken word starting in the fall and plans to develop more training. We also pulled together a great storytelling night and have held workshops during other Borough events to help foster and develop artists of all ages in Highland Park. We are really excited about the permanent installation at Rite-Aid where Mason Gross students will curate a rotating exhibit. The first installment was revealed during Arts in the Park, a great event where dozens of artists displayed their art on the windows of downtown businesses all over town.

The Country Club, as many of our senior residents refer to the Highland Park Senior Center, is constantly buzzing with activities brought together by the members of the Highland Park Council on Aging. In addition to fun outings and activities, the Senior Center the senior center also offers important services like a social worker to help seniors navigate a system of benefits that can sometimes be confusing, and a driver who can take senior to medical appointments, grocery shopping.

These programs are just a short sampling of all the great things we have going on in Highland Park year round. It is truly the participation of everyone who helps to make our community a great place to live. If you want to get more involved in making Highland Park a great place to live, please stop by Borough Hall and fill out a volunteer form today.

Wishing everyone happy holidays!

Leaf Collection



The Borough provides twenty biodegradable leaf bags per property and leaves must be placed curbside in either biodegradable paper bags or loosely in garbage cans. Leaf bags can be picked up between 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Department of Public Works, 444 Valentine Street, Highland Park, NJ.

Leaves will be collected during the month of December. Please place leaf bags/cans at curbside on Sunday evening. Each street will get a pick-up at least once per week. For additional information, please call 732-514-1277 or visit us at www.hpboro.com.