

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, December 19

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

Monday, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 20

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

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

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

Wednesday, December 21

Sustainable Highland Park
7:00 p.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

Thursday, December 22

Stretch with the Mayor
7:30-8am, Kinetics Flow, 409 Raritan Ave

Thursday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 25

Holiday Dinner
1:00 -3:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Monday, December 26

Borough Offices Closed

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Kwanzaa Celebration
10:30-12:30 p.m., Kinetics, 409 Raritan Ave

Tuesday, December 27

Spooky Handy's Winter Holiday Concert
2:00 p.m., Public Library

Monday, December 28

Menorah Lighting
6:00-7:00 p.m., Main Street Office

Thursday, December 22

Stretch with the Mayor
7:30-8am, Kinetics Flow, 409 Raritan Ave

Monday, January 2

Borough Offices Closed

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

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Captain Scott Golden Retiring After 31 Years of Service



The Borough would like to wish our Highland Park Police Captain Scott Golden a congratulations and well wishes on his retirement at the end of this month. Captain Golden has been a member of the Highland Park Police Department for 31 years, and served as Captain for the past eight years. He also served as the Internal Affairs Commander, Public Relations Officer, Training Officer, and liaison to the religious institutions and schools. Among his many accomplishments, Golden was instrumental in obtaining a grant for and instituting body cameras for all Patrol Officers.

Golden officially retires from the HPPD on December 31, 2016. An avid pilot, he plans to obtain his flight instructor rating and work as an instructor in Florida. The Borough and community sincerely thanks Captain Golden for his many years of dedication and service to the community, and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Dog Clean-Up Information



Highland Park is a dog-friendly community, but we are also concerned about keeping our town clean for our human residents as well! Please be sure you follow our dog clean-up ordinances when you are walking your dog throughout town:

- Do not allow your dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the property.
- Any person owning or in charge of any dog which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on (above named locations)...shall immediately remove all feces deposited by any such dog by any sanitary method approved by the local Health Authority. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of such dog, in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- Sanitary methods for removing all feces approved by the Board of Health Authority are mechanical devices such as pooch scoops, small shovels, etc. All feces removed by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any such dog shall dispose of all feces in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leakproof container.

Residents in violation of this ordinance are subjected to the General Penalties listed in the Highland Park Code, Article III. Visit <http://ecode360.com/10519904> for information regarding this code.

Thank you for cooperating with our rules, and helping to keep Highland Park clean!

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

The Highland Park High School Orchestra performed at the Lantern Hill Senior Center in New Providence, NJ on Friday, December 16. The nationally-recognized orchestra, led by Director Hsin-Ting Feng, celebrated its 12th anniversary this year. In 2012 they won Gold at the Wold Strides Heritage competition, and they performed at Carnegie Hall in 2014. They also performed at the National Orchestra Cup held at Lincoln Center in 2015, and won 1st place Superior and received the highest overall score at the Music in the Parks competition last year.

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

Radon Testing

January is Radon Action Month, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection encourages all homeowners to test the radon level in their homes.

Radon is a serious health risk, and is the second leading cause of lung cancer – and the leading cause among non-smokers. But because radon is invisible and odorless, it is easy to ignore this potential hazard in our own homes.

Radon is a radioactive gas that moves up through soil and seeps into homes through cracks in the foundation and openings around pumps, pipes, and drains. It builds up over time to dangerous levels, and if individuals are exposed to the gas for a period of time, it can have a significant and detrimental effect on their health.

The Borough recommends all homeowners get their radon testing. For more information contact the NJ DEP at 800-648-0394 or visit www.njradon.org.

Home Energy Assistance Program

With cold weather upon us, PSE&G wants to remind customers that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 heating season. LIHEAP helps low-income residents with their heating and medically-necessary cooling bills.

LIHEAP eligibility is based slowly on last month's household gross income and household size. To receive LIHEAP assistance, download an application at www.pseg.com/help or call 800-510-3102.

Applications and copies of all requested documents must be submitted to the designated agency in Middlesex County by April 30, 2017.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Vincy Vintage & Somewhere in Time



Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler helped celebrate the opening of our latest antique store, **Vincy Vintage & Somewhere in Time** at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, December 16.

Vincy Vintage, owned by Jeunelle Cunningham, & Somewhere in Time, owned by Leonard Paolillo, combined their resources to open at 233 Raritan Avenue. Previously, Paolillo operated out of New Brunswick, and Cunningham sold her collectibles throughout New Jersey and New York.

The combined shops specialize in vintage clothing, linens, small furniture, books and collectibles, and they also hold workshops for the community, including the Ugly Sweater Xmas workshop this past Sunday. Future workshops and events will include Kombucha, story time for children, Macrame pop-up and more.

The most recent in a string of new store openings in Highland Park, Vincy Vintage & Somewhere in Time joins our fine assortment of gift and apparel stores in our downtown. Visit our many unique shops for all of your holiday shopping!

Monthly Meditation Circle at the Library

Highland Park, December 7, 2016 – The Highland Park Public Library, 31 North Fifth Avenue, is hosting Meditation Circles on Thursdays, January 26, February 23, March 16, April 27, and May 25 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

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 teaching yoga, movement and embodied meditation for 31 years.

Between guided meditations participants are invited to ask questions and share observations. Meditation can help you live a healthier, happier life. National Institute of Health studies have reported that meditation helps reduce blood pressure and increases the strength of the immune system, and the ability to concentrate.

For more information about library Health and Wellness programs call 732-572-2750 or go to the website at www.hpplnj.org.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows;

- **Monday - Borough Offices Closed**
- Tuesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- Wednesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- Thursday – South Side Recycling Collection
- Friday – Business District & South Side Garbage Collection

The Main Street Minute

Kwanzaa Celebration

Monday, December 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Stop by Kinetics at 409 Raritan to learn about Kwanzaa and enjoy live music, dance & refreshments

Menorah Lighting

Wednesday, December 28, 6:00 pm. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us outside 212 Raritan for music, donuts, gelt, dreidels and the menorah lighting.

Learn more about these events and more at www.mainstreethp.org or www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP.

Teen Programs at the Library

The Highland Park Public Library, 31 North Fifth Avenue, is hosting teen events throughout the winter. Teen Librarian Karen Jarzabski announced new craft programs for January.

Tuesday, January 10, 3:00 PM

Build It!

Show off your building skills as you complete a series of challenges with the Roylco Straws and Connectors kit.

Tuesday, January 24, 3:00 PM

No-Sew Sock Snowman

Create an adorable snowman out of a white sock to decorate your home No sewing required. Please register.

Tuesday, January 31, 3:00 PM

Perler Bead Craft

Make a beautiful Perler Bead keychain or magnet. You design it, we iron it.

“Highland Park Gives a Hoot” Winter Recess Lunch Program

If you are in grades (K-12) and need lunch during winter recess. Stop by the Cave (located in the Reformed Church, 19 South 2nd Ave) on December 27, 28 and 29 and pick up a bite to eat, watch a movie and or play games between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by Highland Park Gives a Hoot.

If you would like to help us continue this good work, please donate! Checks should be made out to “Borough of Highland Park” with “HP Gives a Hoot” written in the memo line and can be dropped off or mailed to Borough of Highland Park, 221 South 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ.

For more information email igaveahoot@gmail.com.