

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, February 17

Young Artist Program Trio Concert
7:00 pm, Public Library

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Council Committee
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, February 18

Morning Stretch Class
7:00 am, Kinetics Personal Training

Wednesday, February 18

Human Relations Commission
7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

Monday, February 23

Recreation Advisory Committee
7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

Monday, February 23

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, February 25

Morning Stretch Class
7:00 am, Kinetics Personal

Wednesday, February 25

Public Information Committee
6:30 pm, Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, February 26

Planning Board
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, February 26

Kind Strangers Blue Grass Concert
7:00 pm, Public Library

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

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Memo from Mayor Brill Mittler



Wednesday Stretch with the Mayor – As part of our ongoing effort to encourage health and wellness in our community, we have formed a stretch class on Wednesday mornings at Kinetics Fitness, 409 Raritan. This free class is open to all Highland Park residents, and is a great way to start the day and meet your neighbors. Please join me on Wednesdays now until March 25 at 7:00am for this fun ½ hour light workout!

Snow Removal – We've gotten our share of snow the past few weeks, but our DPW worked round the clock and did an excellent job keeping our streets clear and safe for residents and visitors. If you experienced problems on your streets, please let us know so we can remedy the situation in the future. Call the Department of Public Works at 732-514-1277 to report a problem issue.

Sustainable Grant – Highland Park was awarded a grant to study backup energy sources for emergency power outages. This project will test the feasibility of solar paneling on municipal and school buildings to ensure continued power during emergencies, thus providing safe shelters for residents. I had the opportunity to meet the team of graduate students at Rutgers who will work on this project and report back to our infrastructure and capital improvements task force. I look forward to receiving their report in May.

Habitat for Humanity House Construction – The Borough is proud to be partnering with the Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity to construct a home in Highland Park. The home is being built for a family that was affected by Hurricane Sandy. If you or somebody you know meets the criteria for this home, please attend a mandatory meeting either Tuesday, February 17 or Saturday, February 21 to receive an application. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held in April, and volunteers are being sought to help with the construction of this home.

New Businesses – Our always-growing downtown welcomed several new additions recently, including Ackerman Healthcare Supply, 425 Raritan Ave, The Bridge Restaurant featuring Istanbul and Turkish cuisine, 315 Raritan Ave, Indus Grill featuring Indian and Pakistani cuisine, 312 Raritan Ave, and Make Me Take Me Pottery's expanded storefront, 246 Raritan Ave. Come out and visit these restaurants and all of the unique shops in our downtown!

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to communications@hpboro.com.

Sponsor A Team, Promote Your Business

The Department of Community Services has a great opportunity for business owners to support local Highland Park athletes while advertising their businesses.

Sponsor a sports team in Highland Park! Help kids learn social skills and team values by enabling their sports teams to continue and develop. While you're helping the children, help your business grow as well. Your team will wear a t-shirt with your logo/business name, and your business will be publicly acknowledged on all team advertisements, announcements and schedules.

Orchard Gardens Energy Reduction Project

PSE&G has undertaken a major initiative to reduce the energy consumption of its customers by increasing efficiency, and Highland Park's Orchard Gardens apartment building (260 South 11th Avenue) has been chosen to participate in this project.

The Orchard Gardens project is on track to reduce gas usage by 30%, which benefits the complex, reduces electric bills for tenants in the summer because of more efficient air-conditioning units, and makes tenants more comfortable overall by replacing old boilers and equipment with more efficient units, installing insulation in attics and other improvements.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in Highland Park

Did you know you can take some of your old electronics to the Department of Public Works building, 444 Valentine Rd, for recycling? It's easy to drop them off, and your efforts help protect our environment. Here is a list of acceptable electronic materials for drop-off:

TVs, Monitors/Terminals, CRT's, Cables and Wires, Chips, Towers, Hard Drives, Memory, Personal Computers, Phones and Cell Phones, Plastics, Servers, Radios, Listening Devices, Cameras, Recorders, Printers, Copiers, Peripherals. Please do NOT bring Hazardous Waste Materials (thermometers, curling irons or anything with mercury), Paints, Oils, Thinners, Gasoline, Bio Hazards, Tires. For more information contact the DPW at 732-247-9379

Habitat for Humanity

Highland Park has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plainfield to build a Habitat house in our community. Applications for homeowners are now being accepted. If you have been affected by Hurricane Sandy and are interested in applying for this house, please attend a mandatory meeting (see flyer below).

AFFECTED BY HURRICANE SANDY?

- Buy a **home** in Highland Park, pay **0% interest** on your mortgage
- NO MONEY DOWN** - Give **200+ hours** building your own home.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

ATTEND A MANDATORY* ORIENTATION:
Tuesday, Feb. 17—6:30pm
Saturday, Feb. 21—10am

Highland Park Senior/Youth Center
 220 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park NJ 08904
*Attendance is required to receive an application

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plainfield & Middlesex County
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www.gphabitat.org

The Main Street Minute

Sign Up for the Highland Park 5k & Kids Races Today
 Sunday May 3, 2015, 9:00 am

The Highland Park 5k race is back for its seventh year! Come take a run around Highland Park, all for great causes. Race proceeds to benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, and Recreation departments; the Highland Park Public Library; and Main Street Highland Park.

Online registration, plus a map of our new course, can be found here:
<http://runinthepark.org/>

Save the Date for the Spring Street Fair
 Sunday May 3, 2015, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Annual Highland Park Spring Street Fair is one of Highland Park's signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, pony rides, a petting zoo, and inflatable rides. Admission is free! Vendor applications can be found at www.mainstreethp.org. Vendor fees have been reduced for Highland Park businesses this year! Don't miss the chance to be part of the fun.

Outdoor Movie Nights are Back
 May - August

In partnership with the Highland Park Outdoor Movie Theater, there will be a lineup of eight outdoor movies this summer: May 16, May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, and August 22. Interested in supporting Highland Park's summertime outdoor movies, getting a cool t-shirt, and having a vote in what movies are shown this summer? Email hpoutdoormovies@gmail.com today!

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