

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Tuesday, June 16

Teen Crafts for Father's Day  
3:00 pm, Public Library

### Wednesday, June 17

Wednesday Walk with the Mayor  
6:30 am, Eugene Young Environmental Center

### Wednesday, June 17

Senior Prom "Dancing Under the Stars"  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

### Thursday, June 18

Ask the Dog Trainer Kris Collins  
7:00 pm, Public Library

### Monday, June 22

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

### Monday, June 22

Library Board  
7:30 pm, Public Library

### Tuesday, June 23

Become a Writer for Children  
7:00 pm, Public Library

### Wednesday, June 24

Wednesday Walk with the Mayor  
6:30 am, Eugene Young Environmental Center

### Wednesday, June 24

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

### Wednesday, June 24

Community Blood Drive  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Public Library

### Monday, June 29

What's the Matter with American Policing?  
7:00 pm, Public Library

### Tuesday, June 30

Sustainable Highland Park  
7:30 pm, Eugene Young Environmental Center

### Wednesday, July 1

Environmental Commission  
8:00 pm, Eugene Young Environmental Center

### Thursday, July 2

Fireworks in the Park  
5:00 pm, Donaldson Park

### Thursday, July 2

Commission for Universal Access  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

### Friday, July 3

Independence Day  
**Borough Offices Closed**

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) for updates



Ptl. S. Bibby and Ptl. K. Shiffner being thanked for their CPR efforts.

Our Police Officers and First Responders serve their communities with pride and devotion every day, upholding the laws and protecting citizens from harm.

This was especially relevant on April 30, 2015, when Highland Park Police Officer Kevin Shiffner was flagged down by a motorist on Raritan Avenue near First Avenue. The motorist reported that his wife was unresponsive in his vehicle, which was parked across the street. When Officer Shiffner found the victim without a pulse and not breathing, he removed her from the vehicle, radioed dispatch for EMT and began to administer CPR. Officer Sean Bibby arrived to assist Officer Shiffner in performing CPR until the HPFAS and medics arrived on the scene to continue medical care and transport the victim to RWJUH.

Because of these Officers' quick response and proper training, they were able to save the woman's life. On June 9, Officer Shiffner and Officer Bibby were awarded the Life Saving Award, awarded for an act performed in the line of duty which, through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert reaction, results in saving a life. Congratulations to the Officers, and thank you for your dedicated service to our community.



Summer hours will begin, Monday, July 6 through Friday, September 4. Borough Hall and the Senior/Youth Center will be open;

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
- Thursday; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Friday – Offices Closed

**Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!**

Let us know what you think by writing to [communications@hpboro.com](mailto:communications@hpboro.com).

## Highland Marks

As a board member of the Rotary Club of New Brunswick, Highland Park resident **Joseph Balabkins** helped raise \$1,000 to fund scholarships for course materials and educational supplies for military veterans at Middlesex County College. The club also pledged \$1,000 per year over the next two years. Joseph has been an active member in the Rotary Club for many years.

*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)*

## Garbage Collection Schedule

(for the week of 6/29 – 7/03)

Borough Offices will be closed Friday, July 3. The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows;

- June 29 (Monday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
- June 30 (Tuesday) - Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection
- July 1 (Wednesday) – Business District & South Side garbage collection
- July 2 (Thursday) - South Side recycling collection
- July 3 (Friday) – Independence Day Observed – Closed**



Back for its 19th year, the weekly Highland Park Farmers Market opened on Friday June 5, once again providing locals with the Garden State's bounty for the next six months.

The market is a certified Jersey Fresh farmers market, meaning that most of the vendors at the market are New Jersey-based farms and businesses. It operates every Friday from June through December 18 (except November 27) from 11:00 am – 5:30 pm, and is located in the heart of downtown Highland Park, on Raritan Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

Stands include fruits and vegetables from local farms, cheese, bread, olive oil, meats, mushrooms, nuts, pickles, pies and and more. There are also toys, knives and housewares for sale. Many market days also feature local musicians, and on Friday, July 31 we will host a Tomato Festival with cooking demonstrations and tomato-themed activities.

The Highland Park Farmers Market is a project of Main Street Highland Park, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and revitalization of HP's downtown business district. For more information call 732-828-8444 or visit [www.mainstreethp.org](http://www.mainstreethp.org) or [www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP](https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP).



Celebrate Independence Day with a special evening of fun and fireworks! Thursday, July 2 beginning at 5:00 pm, visit Donaldson Park for dinner and dessert, live music, youth theater musical review, activities, demonstrations and more!

Fireworks will commence at 9:15 pm. For more information please call the Highland Park Department of Community Services at \ 732-819-0052 or visit the Borough website at [www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1261](http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1261).

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Last week's Wednesday Walks with the Mayor featured a special discussion about the various plants and trees in the Native Plant Reserve in Johnson Park. Resident Mary Denver spoke about how invasive plants can change ecosystems, and the steps we are taking to protect those native ecosystems. For example, a Japanese Knotweed is being replaced with native plants such as Virginia sweetspire, silky dogwood among others, an Emerald Ash Borer lure has been placed in the Green Ash tree in front of the Environmental Center to protect the trees from the Asian Beetle, and compost piles have been installed in the NPR to cut down on vegetative waste.

Volunteers are needed to help find and apply solutions to restore healthy habitats for New Jersey wildlife. Join us for Walks every Wednesday in the month of June at 6:30 am meeting place is the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center located at 20 River Road, for more information visit [www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1811](http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1811).