

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Mondays, July 6 – July 27

Engineering for kids
3:30 pm, Public Library

Mondays, July 6 – July 20

Anime/Manga Club for Teens
7:00 pm, Public Library

Tuesdays, July 7 – August 11

Two and Threes Story Time
10:30 am, Public Library

Tuesday, July 7

Book Break for Three to Five Year Olds
11:30 am, Public Library

Tuesday, July 7

Teens Make Your Own Comic Book
or Zine
3:00 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, July 7

International Film Series –
Force Majeure (2014)
6:30 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, July 7

Council Meeting
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, July 8

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, July 9

Planning Board
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Tuesday, July 14

Summer Movies for Kids Series-
Big Hero Six
3:00 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, July 14

Friends International Film Festival - Pride
6:30 pm, Public Library

Wednesdays, July 15

Wednesday Walk with the Mayor
6:30 am, Donaldson Park

Wednesdays, July 15

Summer Movies for Kids Series –
Super Hero
3:30 pm, Public Library

Thursday, July 16

Super Hero Art for First Graders and Up
6:30 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



It's hard to believe that a year has passed since I became Mayor. It's been a VERY busy year.

The new Pulte development is selling rapidly, and has prompted other developers to step up their plans for additional projects throughout Highland Park. As long as we plan properly, this will continue our upward economic development.

This winter was hard on our infrastructure. Our Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Taskforce is finalizing an extensive report to help us plan for our growth, maintain and improve our expenditures and infrastructure.

Thanks to the generosity of some our residents and professionals this year we will be sending 7 of our students to the summer mentorship camp, YouthROOTS. This camp helps students develop self-esteem while empowering them to challenge bias and bullying in their own communities. Upon their return to school in the fall, they will create programs to educate their peers about these issues. Additionally we continue to plan for the opening of a new teen center this September.

I was so proud of our community when 300 people showed up at our impromptu Evening of Hope Vigil on June 25, to express their pain and horror over the loss of lives in their House of Worship, at the hands of a hate-filled gunman in Charleston, SC. at our impromptu Evening of Hope Vigil on June 25. Faith leaders from throughout our community, together with our HP Human Relations Commission, held a beautiful and moving ceremony in memory of the lives lost. Hundreds of residents lined up to sign a card we will be sending to the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church church members. We, as a community, continue to promote peace and tolerance among all people.

Join the Mayor and your neighbors for a monthly walk on July 15 at 6:30 am for a walk through Donaldson Park. Meet at South 2nd Avenue and Riverview Drive.

Thursday's Independence Day Fireworks in Highland Park were a huge success. Hundreds of residents and visitors were delighted by the spectacular show. Thanks to the vendors and volunteers for helping to make this a fun and exciting celebration.

As I enter my second year, I am proud of what we have accomplished so far, and look forward to a bright future for Highland Park. Thank you for all of your suggestions, and thank you to our many, many volunteers for helping to make our community the wonderful place it is!

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

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

Highland Marks

Congratulations to Highland Park residents *Elissa J Birbach, Tamara Esther Birbach, Kristina P Brown, Wei Chia Chen, Nadiya Chernitska, Nicholas Dresch, Rigo Thomas Gutierrez, Dain Kim, Rachel Dahlia Krieger, Karina Lendel, Meng Qi Lin, Nina Shoshana Moyal, Daniel Alejandro Pinzas, Marni Joy Salomon, Suet Fung Wong, Feng Hua Zeng, Laila Zouhou*, who were named to the Dean's List at Middlesex County College for the spring 2015 semester.

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



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

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

HPTV Highlights for July 2015

Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers)
Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers, starting July 15)

Monday

10:00 am & 4:00 pm – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12:00 pm – Highland Park Showcase
12:30 pm – Highland Park Update
1:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Aging Insights
1:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Health Talk
2:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Classroom Close Up
8:30 pm – Board of Education Meetings

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 am & 4:00 pm Public Domain Domain - Movies
12:00 pm – Highland Park Showcase
12:30 pm – Highland Park Update
1:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm – Borough Council Meetings
2:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Spotlight on Middlesex County
3:00 pm & 8:30 pm – Access New Jersey
3:30pm & 9:00 pm – Law on the Line

Wednesday

10:00 am & 7:00 pm – Board of Education Meetings
1:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Aging Insights
1:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Classroom Close-up/Health Talk
4:00 pm – Public Domain Domain – Movies

Saturday & Sunday

10:00 am – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Highland Park Showcase
12:30 pm & 7:30 pm – Highland Park Update
1:00 pm – Borough Council Meetings
2:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Aging Insights
2:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Health Talk
3:30 pm – Classroom Close Up
4:00 pm – Board of Education Meetings
10:00 pm – Valley Homegrown Music
8:30 pm & 11:00 pm – Public Domain Domain - Movies

Seniors “Dancing Under the Stars”



Pictured are Prom King Bill Szalga and Prom Queen Kaitlin Oros

On June 17, 2015 Highland Park celebrated its 12th Annual Senior Prom. Senior residents were treated to a beautiful evening of dinner, dancing, and the traditional crowning of Prom King and Queen. This year's King was Bill Szalga and Queen was Kaitlin Oros.

This event has become one of the most popular - and enjoyable - events for our senior residents. More than 160 seniors attended this year's prom, which started in June 2004 with less than 25 people. Borough officials and the Highland Park Police Department joined in the festivities and everyone had a wonderful time dancing.

In The Landscape: Treacherous Bamboo

The first in a series of pieces by STAC



STAC (Shade Tree Advisory Committee) advises the Borough on its shade trees and planting needs. When called upon, many members of STAC can also provide information to individuals about plants in general, including trees, shrubs, perennials and weeds.

Here are some facts about bamboo, an ornamental grass that has many commercial uses but often ends up causing great damage to the environment.

- Bamboo is invasive, aggressive, and almost impossible to control
- Bamboo roots will pierce pottery and wood, and can invade building foundations
- The roots grow deeply into the soil, and can travel beneath barriers like sidewalks. It can also produce new shoots far from the original plant.

To avoid problems from bamboo it's best not to purchase or plant it. We encourage residents to choose alternative plants, in particular native plants. For further information visit www.hpboro.com and see the Shade Tree link under Departments.



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