

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Wednesday, September 9

Shade Tree Advisory
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, September 10

Board of Health
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, September 10

Unsung Heroines of the American
Civil War
7:00 pm, Public Library

Thursday, September 10

Planning Board
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 20

Arts in the Park
11:30 am – 4:30 pm, Raritan Avenue

Monday, September 21

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Saturday – Sunday, September 26 & 27

Operation Take Back –
Turn in unused prescriptions
10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

Monday, September 28

Library Board Meeting
7:30 pm, Public Library

Wednesday, September 30

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 pm, Environmental Education Ctr.

Thursday, October 1

Council Meeting
8:00 am, Borough Hall

Thursday, October 1

Commission for Universal Access
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, October 1

Redevelopment Agency
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

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

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Memo from Councilman Jon Erickson



The Borough has been growing and developing in so many areas, and it is inspiring to see the progress we have made of the past year. Our finances are solid as well, and thanks to the work of our Finance Standing Committee, we are able to stay within the state's 2% spending cap each year, without sacrificing important programs for our residents.

One of these projects that was completed recently was our Public Safety building, which enables our Police Department to operate in a more effective and efficient manner. Our DPW has also worked fervently to complete much-needed road repairs and projects, which have made travel easier for our residents and visitors. We are also excited about the new Teen Center we are planning. We are working on securing a location and funds to provide our young residents with a safe and fun place to meet after school, and I look forward to seeing this project succeed.

Once again we are able to support our Park Partners Community Grant program, which provides five grants of up to \$2000 each for a project to benefit our community. Applications for the 2016 year are due December 16, so if you have a great idea for Highland Park, please pick up an application at Borough Hall or visit www.hpboro.com.

Our sound financial planning enables us to serve our residents and provide beneficial programs, and I hope we continue this trend and continue our growth in the next year.

Arts in the Park 2015

Sunday's Arts in the Park event was a success with a few thousand in attendance.



Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

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

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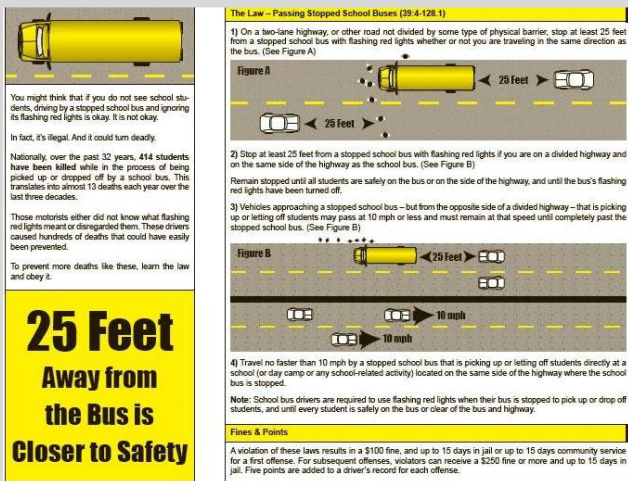
Highland Marks

Highland Park High School alumni **Tomas Roberto Sanchez** started college this year with a \$5,000 scholarship from the New Jersey Heroes Spirit of a Hero program, thanks to his incredible community service work.

This organization gives scholarships for high school seniors who have done exemplary community service work. During high school Tomas helped create the Kicks for Kids Foundation, an organization that collects and donates cleats to underprivileged kids in Nigeria. He also volunteered with the Buddy Ball Foundation, teaching children with developmental disabilities how to play soccer. Tomas is attending the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

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

2015 School Season is Underway



The Law – Passing Stopped School Buses (39:6-128.1)

1) On a two-lane highway, or other road not divided by some type of physical barrier, stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights whether or not you are traveling in the same direction as the bus. (See Figure A)

Figure A

2) Stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights if you are on a divided highway and on the same side of the highway as the school bus. (See Figure B)

Remain stopped until all students are safely on the bus or on the side of the highway, and until the bus's flashing red lights have been turned off.

3) Vehicles approaching a stopped school bus – but from the opposite side of a divided highway – that is picking up or letting off students may pass at 10 mph or less and must remain at that speed until completely past the stopped school bus. (See Figure B)

Figure B

4) Travel no faster than 10 mph by a stopped school bus that is picking up or letting off students directly at a school (or day camp or any school-related activity) located on the same side of the highway where the school bus is stopped.

Note: School bus drivers are required to use flashing red lights when their bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students, and until every student is safely on the bus or clear of the bus and highway.

Fines & Points

A violation of these laws results in a \$100 fine, and up to 15 days in jail or up to 15 days community service for a first offense. For subsequent offenses, violators can receive a \$250 fine or more and up to 15 days in jail. Five points are added to a driver's record for each offense.

**25 Feet
Away from
the Bus is
Closer to Safety**

With schools starting, we wanted to remind drivers to **PAY ATTENTION** to the school buses. Not only is it extremely dangerous to pass a stopped school bus, but it will result in 5 points on your license. Visit <http://www.nj.gov/education/finance/transportation/traini ng/BusSafety.pdf> to take the School Bus Safety Quiz.

HP Annual Garage Sale

Register now for the Annual Garage Sale on October 10 and 11, 2015 by emailing HPGarageSale@gmail.com or call 732-249-1654.

**Highland Park
Annual
Garage Sale!**

A joint project of Century 21 JJ Laufer, HP Department of Community Services and Main Street

October 10th & 11th, 2015

RESIDENTS & MERCHANTS:
E-Register at
HPGarageSale@gmail.com

PLEASE INCLUDE:
Your Name, Address,
Daytime Phone Number and
Participation Date (s)
Or Call the

Garage Sale Hotline
732-249-1654



Turn in Your Unused Prescription?



OPERATION TAKE BACK



Turn in your unused prescriptions on
September 26th & 27th 2015 from 10AM to 2PM

Highland Park Senior/Youth Recreation Center
220 South 6th Avenue

Project YouthROOTS

This past summer Highland Park was proud to send 8 high school students to the Project YouthROOTS summer camp experience. The students were Piney Arp, Dylan Boynton, Kyle Hagin, Ogemdi Nwadke, Patricia McDaniel, Olivia Ruiz and Amiri Tulloch.

YouthROOTS is a weeklong camp program for students entering grades 10-12. During this life-changing journey, participants cultivate self-esteem, build cultural intelligence and understanding, gain tools to challenge bias and bullying, and create a growth plan to catalyze change both personally and on a systemic level.

Upon their return from camp, participants use their new knowledge and tools to organize school or community programs to promote acceptance and tolerance and encourage social change. We appreciate the Highland Park community's support to send these students to the 2015 camp, and encourage you to continue supporting this worthy program.

