

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Tuesday, October 6

Films in the 1980's – On Golden Pond  
6:30 pm, Public Library

### Wednesday, October 7

Bulk Waste Collection  
Business District/North Side/Triangle

### Wednesday, October 7

Community Food Pantry Meeting  
7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

### Wednesday, October 7

Environmental Commission  
8:00 pm, Environmental Education Ctr.

### Thursday, October 8

Bulk Waste Collection  
South Side

### Thursday, October 8

Board of Health  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Thursday, October 8

Klezmer Concert with Too Many Dave's  
7:00 pm, Public Library

### Thursday, October 8

Planning Board  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

### Saturday-Sunday, October 10 & 11

Annual Town-wide Garage Sale

### Monday, October 12

**Columbus Day**  
**Borough Offices Closed**

### Tuesday, October 13

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

### Wednesday, October 14

Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Thursday, October 15

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

All meetings are subject to change, please  
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[www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) for updates

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## Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



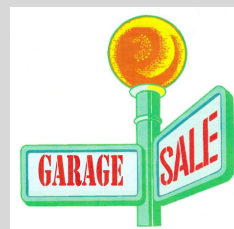
Painting has begun! If you haven't yet seen it, please pass by the retaining wall at the top of the bridge to New Brunswick to see the new beautification of the gateway to Highland Park. Many thanks to the developer of Highland Cliffs, Main Street Highland Park's design team, our Zoning Board of Adjustment, planner Allen Schectel, and the Department of Transportation for working tirelessly to make this happen. The wall will feature our Highland Park logo, and will be an eye-catching entrance to our community.

Our Park Partners Community Service Grant Program is starting again – applications are now being accepted for 2016. This program, in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, has been a huge success and has been extremely beneficial to our community. In 2014 it was recognized by the League of Municipalities with the Innovations in Governance award. Previous Park Partner winners have helped our community grow and develop and have provided excellent programs for our residents. If you have an idea that could benefit all of our residents, but just need some seed money to get it started, pick up an application at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Ave, or visit [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com). Applications are due December 15, and voting will be held in February.

Highland Park's first Habitat for Humanity house is making a lot of progress, and we appreciate all of the volunteers who come out each weekend to help build this house for a family affected by Hurricane Sandy. The house is located on South 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For information about how to volunteer, visit [www.habitatgpmc.org](http://www.habitatgpmc.org).

As a pilot test of new equipment, the Department of Public Works began using our new automated garbage truck in the Triangle neighborhood. This new system saves money and manpower by using an automated system to collect waste. The program is going very well, and if it continues to work well, we hope to expand to other neighborhoods in town in the future.

School has begun! With that comes more pedestrians – including many children walking to school, and busses throughout town. Please be cautious and aware when driving, and stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks.



Mark your calendar! On October 10 and 11, don't miss Highland Park's annual town-wide garage sale, where Highland Park residents and businesses sell their stuff on their sidewalks and stoops, and others come to scoop up all the great bargains! Whether you're looking to downsize and unclutter or you're looking for great deals, Highland Park is the place to be during this two-day extravaganza.

To get listed on the official Garage Sale map, please email [HPGarageSale@gmail.com](mailto:HPGarageSale@gmail.com) (or call the Garage Sale hotline at 732-249-1654) and include your name, address, email address, and phone number.

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

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

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The Borough logo has been painted on the wall that greets everyone to Highland Park (Former Y Site). Thanks to the Department of Transportation, Main Street Highland Park's design committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Highland Cliffs upcoming development for making this happen.

### Garbage Collection Schedule (for the week of 10/12 – 10/16)

Borough Offices will be closed Monday, October 12. The Garbage Collection schedule is as follows;

- October 12 (Monday) – **Columbus Day – Closed**
- October 13 (Tuesday) - Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection
- October 14 (Wednesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
- October 15 (Thursday) - South Side recycling collection
- October 16 (Friday) – Business District & South Side garbage collection

Bonus Bulk Trash (Post Garage Sale) collection is as follows;

- October 13 (Tuesday) – Business District, North Side & Triangle
- October 15 (Thursday) – South Side

### HPTV Highlights for September 2015

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

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays & Thursdays

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 Meeting  
2:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Spotlight on Middlesex County  
2:30 pm & 8:30 pm – Access New Jersey  
3:00 pm & 9:00 pm – Law on the Line

#### Wednesdays

10:00 am & 7:00 pm – Board of Education Meeting  
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

#### Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

10:00 am – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio  
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Highland Park Update/Showcase  
12:30 pm & 7:30 pm – Talk of the Town  
1:00 pm – Borough Council Meeting  
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 Meeting  
10:00 pm – Valley Homegrown Music  
8:30 pm & 11:00 pm – Public Domain Domain - Movies



Happy Fall! Leaf season is here. The Borough provides biodegradable leaf bags which will be available for pick-up after Columbus Day, at the Department of Public Works, 444 Valentine Street from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm. Up to Twenty bags are provided per property and recorded at pick-up. If using a landscape service, please provide a signed letter allowing the landscaper to pick up bags on your behalf. Any remaining bags will be available after December 1 on a first come basis.

During November and December, leaves are collected curbside weekly, which we then pick up and deliver to a compost facility. Leaves must be placed curbside in either biodegradable paper bags or loosely in garbage cans. Leaves placed curbside in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be accepted.

Please place leaf bags/cans at curbside on Sunday evening. Each street will get a pick-up at least once per week. Neighborhood start points will be rotated throughout town for the season.

**Do not** rake or blow leaves into the street; it is considered littering, causes parking issues, and other potential hazards. It is a violation of Borough ordinance, as well as, the State of New Jersey Storm Water Management Act. The street sweeper is not designed to pick-up piles of raked leaves.

Have you considered backyard composting? See our article in the Summer edition of the Highland Park News on Page 4 or visit the Borough website at <http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/2677>. The State mandates that leaves be recycled and composted.

### Park Partners Grant Program

Highland Park is continually working to make improvements and increase development and growth throughout the town, and residents are encouraged to participate in its growth.

If you have a great idea for a program to benefit Highland Park, the Park Partners Grant Program can help you make that idea a reality! The Borough will provide up to \$2,000 to help you execute your project. Projects can be in the following categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, Universal Access or Health & Wellness. Fill out an application available online at <http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1313> or pick up one at Borough Hall, and help make a difference in Highland Park! Deadline is December 15, 2015.

### FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

'HEAR the BEEP where you SLEEP,  
Every Bedroom NEEDS a WORKING Smoke Alarm'

**Thursday--OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**6-9 PM**

AT HIGHLAND PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT  
220 SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE



COME MEET YOUR TOWN'S FIREFIGHTERS  
FIRE SAFETY, FOOD AND FUN!!