

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Tuesday, October 20

International Film Series -  
Tangerines  
6:30 pm, Public Library

### Tuesday, October 20

Mystery Program for Teens  
6:30 pm, Public Library

### Tuesday, October 20

Council Meeting  
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

### Sunday, October 25

Potpourri: Colorful Collaborations  
2:00 pm, Public Library

### Monday, October 26

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

### Monday, October 26

Library Board  
7:30 pm, Public Library

### Wednesday, October 28

Public Information Committee  
6:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

### Wednesday, October 28

Sustainable Highland Park  
7:30 pm, Environmental Education  
Center

### Saturday, October 31

Poetry Night with Jane Rawlings  
1:00 pm, Public Library

All meetings are subject to change, please  
check the Borough's website at  
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## Memo from Councilman Philip George



In the past year, we have been conducting quarterly meetings of the chairpersons of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Redevelopment Agency, Main Street Highland Park and the Zoning Office so that the concerns and issues raised by residents during various board meetings can be shared among all of the stakeholders who make decisions about zoning, planning, redevelopment and development in the downtown area. As a result, the information flow between all these various Boards, Agencies and Offices has been improved and focused on better coordination of effort, cutting down on outside professional expenses and improving applicant services and hearing procedures.

Main Street Highland Park has coordinated, along with its various partners, two very successful street events, the Spring Street Fair and the Fall Arts in the Park, both of which drew record crowds and the largest number of vendors yet. Arts in the Park vendors reported that sales of art increased substantially. Main Street Highland Park is also working on ways to expand events further up Woodbridge Avenue to bring the same vibrant street feeling to the rest of the Business Improvement District. The restaurant and shopping venues downtown continue to grow and brighten both day and nighttime street life.

The Highland Park Redevelopment Agency has been very active in a substantive review and revision of the Highland Park Redevelopment Plan in light of the national trend to post-recession downtown revival, with its emphasis on walking-living-working communities and a shift back to urban areas. The interest in Highland Park as an urban environment tailor made to service the Hospital and University industries just across the Raritan Avenue Bridge in New Brunswick has resulted in the approval of two conditional redevelopment agreements, the first in many years, which could be the start to a downtown revival.

All in all, it is an exciting time to be in Highland Park.

Main Street Highland Park invites you to

# Halloween on the Ave

Saturday October 31  
2:00 pm — 6:00 pm

- FREE TRICK-OR-TREAT TOTE BAGS available for pick up at Over the Moon Toys, Speak Music, or Main Street after October 22
- DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREATING at Raritan Avenue businesses: 2:00—5:30 pm
- LIVE MUSIC ON THE CORNERS including El Noordzo and Dennis McDonough in costume: 2:00—5:00 pm
- OUTDOOR MOVIE (The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown) in the Highland Park Outdoor Movie Theater: 5:30—6:00 pm

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.MAINSTREETHP.ORG](http://WWW.MAINSTREETHP.ORG)

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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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### Highland Marks

**Chaokun Wangli**, a senior at Highland Park High School, has graduated from a seven-week Girls Who Code program at New Jersey Institute of Technology. She was among more than three dozen young women from throughout New Jersey who graduated from the Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program at NJIT. The intensive summer program pairs more than 300 hours of instruction in web development and design, robotics, and mobile development with mentorship and exposure led by the industry's top female engineers and entrepreneurs.

*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)*

### Halloween Costume Parade and Festival

The Highland Park Department of Community Services presents our annual Halloween Costume Parade and Festival! Sunday, October 25, 2:00-5:00pm at the Highland Park High School gym. Join us for music, dancing bounce house, crafts and refreshments. Halloween Parade with prizes for the best costumes, Halloween safety tips, giveaways and more!

For more information contact the HP Department of Community Services at 732-819-0052. Event is sponsored by CDBG Grant, The Borough of Highland Park, the HP Police Department, Over the Moon Toys, Yellow Brick Road Preschool, Zirin Martial Arts, Gratitude Graffiti Project.

**DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA TO HELP ENRICH OR BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY?**

**MAKE YOUR IDEA A REALITY!**

**The Borough of Highland Park is sponsoring up to five special projects to benefit our community. Winners in each category receive up to \$2000 to complete their program.**

**Categories Include:**

**Environment**  
**Arts**  
**Culture and Diversity**  
**Safety**  
**Universal Access or Health & Wellness**

Applications available at Borough Hall or online at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com). All applications due December 15, 2015.  
\*One winning project per category. Voting scheduled for February 2016

### Stay Connected With Highland Park

Receive Borough emergency and non-emergency information by signing up for the Highland Park Community Notification System here: <http://goo.gl/GiZLTx>

Also, stay connected with us!

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### Habitat for Humanity House



The Borough's first Habitat for Humanity House, in partnership with the Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity, has made great progress since the groundbreaking in July. This new 3-bedroom single-family house on South 10th Ave will be home to a family affected by Hurricane Sandy, and we are eager to welcome them to our community.



Each weekend numerous volunteers come out to help in the construction of this house, under the supervision of qualified construction leaders. We encourage residents to volunteer for this worthy cause. To sign up please visit [www.gphabitat.org/highland-park](http://www.gphabitat.org/highland-park). Groups of up to ten can sign up together, and volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

### Food Pantry Receives Grant



Pictured (left to right): Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler; Jacqueline Hancock-Pena, Senior VP and Regional Manager, Investors Bank; Dennis Wilkins, Assistant VP and Branch Manager, Investors Bank; Dee Ayesha Abedraboh, VP and Sr. Marketing Manager, Investors Bank; Andrea Greenberg, HPCFP Development Lead

The Highland Park Community Food Pantry (HPCFP) received a \$1,500 grant from The Investors Group Bank to purchase a new refrigerator and freezer. This grant enables the Food Pantry to distribute refrigerated foods to our residents in need. Derby Appliances helped the pantry purchase the best appliances at a great rate. The Investors Group Bank presented the Borough and the Food Pantry with a symbolic check on September 30 at Borough Hall. Thank you to everybody involved in the grant process.