

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Wednesday, December 9

Shade Tree Advisory
8:00 pm, Borough Hall

Thursday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 10

Board of Health
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Saturday, December 12

Poetry Discussion and Writing Program
1:00 pm, Public Library

Monday, December 14

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Tuesday, December 15

Friends of the Library Series
6:30 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, December 15

Council Meeting
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, December 16

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

Thursday, December 17

Planning Board
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Sunday, December 20

Prep Session for the New SAT & ACT
1:15 pm, Public Library

Monday, December 21

Library Board
7:30 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 Gayle Brill Mittler



I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving holiday this past weekend. As we embark upon the holiday season, I want to wish everyone good health and happiness.

Earlier this month I had the pleasure to join my colleagues at the annual New Jersey Municipalities League conference in Atlantic City. As always, it was an informative, productive conference, and I am eager to introduce to Highland Park some of the ideas I learned from other New Jersey leaders. At this conference, Highland Park received an award again this year for the prestigious Innovations in Governance Award. This was for our initiatives to improve Police/resident relations. This is quite an honor to be singled out amongst over 500 municipalities two years in a row.

Speaking of this award, last year we won the first prize award for our successful Park Partners Community Grant program, which is currently underway. The Borough awards up to \$2000 for each of five programs to benefit the community, in the categories of Environment, Arts, Culture and Diversity, Safety, and Universal Access or Health & Wellness. The deadline for submission is fast approaching, so if you have a great idea for Highland Park, pick up an application in Borough Hall or on our website at www.hpboro.com. Deadline is January 11 and the community voting session will be held on February 21. (see details below).

Our Capital Improvement Task Force, led by Dr. Clint Andrews, has conducted a study of our capital improvement opportunities and will present their findings in a public session on November 30, 7:30 in the Courtroom at Borough Hall. This report identifies our development needs, enabling us to determine what steps to take to promote further growth in the community. You can find this presentation on our website.

During the holiday season Highland Park residents celebrated our diversity with several holiday lightings. We recently had our Christmas Tree lighting, followed by the Hanukkah Menorah lighting a week later. It was inspiring to see residents of many religions come together to celebrate the holidays as a community.

We're always open to ideas from residents, and a great place to discuss them is my Meet the Mayor events. Nearly two dozen resident joined me for a recent "Yoga/Wine and Cheese with the Mayor" event at Kinetics Flow, and after some rigorous exercise we had a fun time socializing and talking about our community. Join me for upcoming Meet the Mayor events at Sushiana Restaurant and Pino's Wine Shoppe in January and February.

Park Partners Grant Program

Time is running out to submit your application for a Park Partners Community Grant Program grant! Deadline has been extended to January 11, 2016. Park Partners awards up to \$2000 for each of five programs in the areas of Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety and Universal Access or Health & Wellness. If you have an idea for a program that will benefit the community, pick up an application at Borough Hall or at <http://www.hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1313>.

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



Tracey Horan, Court Administrator for the Borough was sworn in as Treasurer for the Municipal Court Administrator's Association of New Jersey. This association represents all court administrators throughout the state. Horan has been Highland Park's Court Clerk for five years, and was previously Court Clerk in Spotswood for 6 1/2 years. Congratulations!

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

HPTV Highlights for December 2015

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

Monday

10:00 am & 4:00 pm - Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12 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 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
2:30 pm & 8:30 pm – Access New Jersey
3:00pm & 9:00 pm – Not just Rock & Roll

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 –Health Talk
3:00 pm – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
4:00 pm – Public Domain Domain – Movies

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

10:00 am – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Highland Park Update/Schowcase
12:30 pm & 7:30 pm – Talk Of The Town
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/School Talk
4:00 pm – Board of Education Meetings
10:00 pm – Valley Homegrown Music
8:30 pm & 11:00 pm – Public Domain Domain - Movies

New Borough Hours

To better serve our residents Borough Offices will be open later one night a week effective January 1, 2016. Hours will be as follows;

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Margarita Guzman, Violations Clerk in the Municipal Court is retiring this month with 12 years of service.



Borough Receives Award for Police/Resident Relations Programs



Highland Park was recently awarded Honorable Mention in the NJ League of Municipalities Innovation in Governance Award. This award was for our continued efforts to improve relations between our Police Department and our residents, including programs and discussions offered by the Police and the creation of a new Police Youth Officer within the department. This past summer the Police Department ran a bicycle "Helmet Safety Program" where children received tickets for wearing a helmet. The tickets could be cashed in for Pizza or Ice Cream and free helmets were given out to children who did not own helmets. Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler received the award at the League conference in November.



"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

Booker T. Washington

What can you do to help this holiday season? Donate to our annual Holiday dinner!

When: Christmas Day, Friday December 25, 2015
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: Highland Park Senior / Youth Center
220 South 6th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904

This holiday season the Borough of Highland Park will again come together to make a special Christmas Dinner for all to enjoy: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, salad, apple pies, pumpkin pies, and beverages. There will be live music by Farrington Pond, a visit from Santa, and gifts for all.

*** Donations are needed and necessary to help purchase the needed items. Please make checks payable to "Borough of Highland Park" - (please note Holiday Dinner on the check).

All are invited! For Holiday Dinner reservations, donation information, and volunteer opportunities, please call: The Department of Community Services at 732-819-0052.

<p>If you like to contribute - the following items are needed: Gifts: gift cards, gifts certificates are needed. For Example: Dunkin Donuts, Carvel, Stop and Shop etc. Cranbury sauce (10) Salad (10 bags) Salad dressing (10 bottles) Fruit salad Dessert (Pies, Cakes, Cookies) Juices and Sodas</p>	<p>Volunteer Opportunities Available: Cooking, Serving, Cleaning Available time slots: 9:00am to 11am set up 11:00am-1pm serving 1pm-3pm serving & cleaning Sign up for your two hour slot! Call 732-819-0052 Thank you!</p>
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