

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, December 21

Library Board Meeting
7:30 pm, Public Library

Wednesday, December 23

Disney Pixar, Inside Out
1:00 pm, Public Library

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day
Borough Offices Closed

Friday, December 25

Annual Holiday Dinner
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Senior/Youth
Center

Tuesday, December 29

Community Blood Drive
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Public Library

Wednesday, December 30

7th Annual Spooky Handy Holiday
Concert
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Public Library

Friday, January 1

New Years Day
Borough Offices Closed

All meetings are subject to change, please
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Happy Holidays

Celebrate with Highland Park. Join the community for our annual Free Holiday Dinner on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South Sixth Ave.

Share an afternoon of music, food, fun and cheer.....And a visit from Santa!

For Holiday Dinner reservations, donations, information and volunteer opportunities, please call 732-819-0052.

Celebrate Kwanzaa in Highland Park



Come out for a Kwanzaa Ceremony and Kinara Lighting on Sunday, December 27 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Kinetics Fitness, 409 Raritan Ave.

Learn about the celebration of Kwanzaa, experience live drumming, enjoy dance, refreshments and community engagement.

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

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 resident **Ann Goehring** is celebrating this month, as she turns 100 years old! One of six children to parents John & Theresa LePose, Ann was raised in New York and moved to New Jersey in 1936. She has three sons, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and even a great-great grandchild! Ann lives in the Samuel J. Kronman apartment building, where she has many friends and happy memories. Happy birthday to Ann!

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

Garbage Collection Schedule

Borough Offices will be closed December 25 and January 1. The Garbage Collection Schedule will be as follows for those weeks: (12/21 – 12/25) and (12/28 – 1/01).

- ❖ Monday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Garbage Collection
- ❖ Tuesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle Recycling Collection
- ❖ Wednesday – Business District & South Side Garbage Collection
- ❖ Thursday – South Side Recycling Collection
- ❖ Friday – Borough Offices Closed

Holiday Tips from the Police Department

Use these safety tips year round and not just during the holidays for ways to prevent your packages from being stolen:

1. Have a shipment sent to where you are, not where you aren't
2. Don't let mail sit on your porch for long periods of time
3. Know your neighbors and enlist them in helping to protect the whole neighborhood from mail theft.
4. Personalize your delivery.
5. Track your packages, or request signature confirmation if possible.
6. Report any suspected theft immediately to the Police.

Now Hiring

- ❖ Clerk, Zoning Board of Adjustment & Planning Board
- ❖ Deputy Tax Collector
- ❖ Intern Position Mayor's Office
- ❖ Medical Driver - Part Time

Please visit <http://www.hpboro.com/jobs.aspx> to apply.

Wood Burning Tips



Believe it or not it's winter, and we are actually expecting cold weather soon! When that weather arrives, the Department of Environmental Protection has recommendations regarding burning wood for heat, whether in fireplaces, wood stoves, or outdoor wood boilers. These recommendations help reduce the impact on our air quality.

The DEP offers the following tips:

- ❖ Allow wood to season before burning it (allow the wood to sit outdoors for at least 6 months)
- ❖ Test the moisture content of wood. Wood burns most efficiently when moisture content is below 20%
- ❖ Stack wood off the ground with a cover to protect it from rain and snow
- ❖ Start fires with newspaper and dry kindling to keep the fire burning hot
- ❖ Regularly remove ashes to ensure proper airflow
- ❖ Never burn garbage, cardboard, plastics, wrapping materials, painted materials or pressure-treated wood in your stove or fireplace
- ❖ Keep flammable objects away from wood-burning appliances, and have a recently inspected fire extinguisher nearby
- ❖ Consider using an indoor air HEPA filter in the same room as a stove or fireplace

For more information on wood burning in New Jersey, visit <http://goo.gl/ilK0Vy>.

PSE&G Warns Customers about Increase in Scams

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), is urging its customers to be alert to scams this season. Customers should be cautious of callers who demand immediate payment via a pre-paid card, and wary of phone utility workers showing up at their door to "check a problem."

When in doubt or if suspicious in any way, customers are urged to call the number listed on their bill: 1-800-436-7734 and report scamming activity to their local police department. For more information visit <https://goo.gl/Ceg8DN>.