# The Highland Park eNews

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# **Events & Meetings**

#### Tuesday, September 16

Council Committee 7:00 pm, Borough Hall

#### Wednesday, September 17

Human Relations Commission 7:00pm, Senior/Youth Center

#### Wednesday, September 17

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

#### Thursday, September 18

Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Samuel Kronman Building

#### Thursday, September 18

Public Information Committee 7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

#### Thursday, September 18

Planning Board 7:30 pm, Borough Hall

#### Sunday, September 21

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

#### Monday, September 22

Zoning Board of Adjustment 7:30 pm, Borough Hall

#### Friday & Saturday, September 26, 27

Operation Take Back – Got Drugs 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center

#### Monday, September 29

Library Board of Trustee 7:30 pm, Public Library

#### Wednesday, October 1

Environmental Commission 8:00 pm, Environmental Education Ctr.

#### Thursday, October 2

Board of Health 7:00 pm, Borough Hall

#### Thursday, October 2

Commission for Universal Access 7:30 pm, Borough Hall

#### Thursday, October 2

Redevelopment Agency 7:30 pm, Borough Hall

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# **Mayor's Teen Advisory Committee**

Are you in 9th-12th grade and interested in government and community services? If so, join the Mayor's Teen Advisory Committee, a program for teens to plan programs, meet with local, state and national representatives and share ideas and suggestions for the government. Our Kick-off meeting is Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30pm at the HP Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. For more information contact the Office of Recreation at 732-819-0052.

# Park It! In Highland Park

Friday, September 19 is International Parking Day, a day to transform a parking space into a PARK(ing) space: temporary public places for enjoyment and relaxation! Stop by South Third and Raritan Avenue between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm to hang out, read, drink coffee, eat lunch and enjoy life on the street! For more information contact the Communications Office at 732-819-3781.

#### Flu Vaccines

Middlesex County Office of Health Services will be offering flu vaccines on Monday, September 22 between the hours of 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Senior/Youth Center located at 220 South  $6^{th}$  Ave. The cost of these vaccines are \$15 for Influenza, \$65.00 for Pneumococcal and Free for clients with medicaid if the card is presented at time of service.

For additional information please contact the Middlesex County Office of Health Services at 732-745-4879.

# **Welcome New Borough Employee**

Alaina Giles - Police Department

# **Highland Marks**

Dave Bell's hobby is heating up Highland Park! Bell creates a variety of hot sauces from super-hot peppers he grows in his own garden. He has developed several products including The Smoky Disturbance with chilies and pomegranate molasses, and Magma Powder, a dry spice with chilies and sel gris (French sea salt). His latest sauce, Joy Noise, combines whole chilies with tamarind puree, vegetables and citrus juices. Bell has a Facebook page that chronicles dishes he makes with his sauces.

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.

# **Operation Take Back - Got Drugs?**

Turn in your unused prescriptions on September 26 and 27 between the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Senior/Youth Center located at 220 South  $6^{\rm th}$  Ave.

#### Park It! News

A Monthly Memo from Your Mayor

As summer winds down and the cool weather approaches, Highland Park is gearing up for its annual autumn celebrations and events. Arts in the Park, our annual juried art show, is always a highpoint in September. Thousands of art enthusiasts from Middlesex County and beyond gather in our downtown to view the works of local artists, purchase art or crafts, and participate in creative activities. This year Arts in the Park is Sunday, September 21, from 11:30am – 4:30pm. It features music and entertainment, food from local restaurants, numerous vendors and children's activities, as well as the art contest.

On September 19 Highland Park is participating in International Parking Day, an annual event where artists, designers and citizens transform parking spots into temporary public parks. Stop by our spot at South 3rd and Raritan Ave. between 12:00pm and 6:00pm to hang out, play music, have some lunch or coffee, and enjoy our beautiful streets!

Speaking of our beautiful town, later this month the Environmental Center on River Road will unveil a fantastic mural being painted on the side of the building. Local artist Jonathan Horowitz has been working with the Borough and Sustainable Highland Park to create an environment-themed mural to celebrate the Raritan River. Look out for details about the unveiling!

These events promise to be fun and exciting for our community, and they offer our residents and visitors an opportunity to experience our new and improved downtown business district. Our commitment to pedestrian and bicycle safety is a key element in our designation as a Complete Streets Community, and combined with the recent completion of our Streetscape program, our downtown is a welcoming and hospitable place to visit. This autumn is the perfect time to walk through our downtown for shopping or eating at one of our many diverse and delicious restaurants.

## **Mayor Wellness Walks**

Tie up your sneakers for a monthly walk with Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler. The first walk will be Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 am. The meeting place is South 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Riverview Drive (Entrance to Donaldson Park). For cancellations due to weather, please check the Borough Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hpboro.

#### **Yard Sale**

There is something for everyone at the Indoor/Outdoor Yard sale! September 18 and 19. This event will be held rain or shine, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Samuel J. Kronman Apartments, 242 South  $6^{\rm th}$  Ave. Contact 732-572-4420 for additional details.

### **Main Street Minute**

- SATURDAY SUMMER CINEMA, "THE 7<sup>TH</sup> VOYAGE OF SINBAD": Come downtown (to the municipal lot on Raritan between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) on Saturday September 13 for our next Saturday Summer Cinema movie,. Around sunset (6:30 pm), we'll start with a half-hour of kid-friendly cartoons; the main feature will start around 7:15 pm. Bring a blanket and chairs and get some takeout from one of our downtown's terrific restaurants.
- RESTAURANT WEEK IS COMING: Highland Park's Restaurant Week 2014, which will run from Friday October 24 through Friday October 31, showcases Highland Park's many interesting, diverse, and delicious places to eat. Participating restaurants offer a variety of promotions, including special discounts, price fixed menus, and other deals. If you are a Highland Park eatery interested in participating, please contact rebecca@mainstreethp.org.
- SHOP LOCAL & SAVE: Did you know that Highland Park has a program that lets you get discounts for shopping downtown? Our Shop Highland Park Reward Program allows shoppers both residents and visitors to shop at many of our downtown businesses using a reward card, and receive a percentage of the purchase amount back as a property tax credit or rebate check. The more you shop in town, the bigger the financial reward. Learn more at <a href="http://www.mainstreethp.org/pub/gen/shopping-reward-card">http://www.mainstreethp.org/pub/gen/shopping-reward-card</a>.

Learn more about these events and more at <a href="https://www.mainstreethp.org">www.mainstreethp.org</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP">www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP</a>.

# **Library Events**

Monday, September 15 and September 22 7:00 pm, Teen Anime/Manga Club

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 pm, The Death Class: A True Story About Life book talk with Norma Bowe

Thursday, September 18

3:00 pm, Teen Film – The Fault in Our Stars

6:30 pm, Open Mic Night – Calling all Singers, Musicians and Poets

Tuesday, September 23

3:00 pm, Autumn Teen Craft

7:30 pm Friend of the Library Poetry Night Series – Alicia Suskin Ostrike

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 pm, Friends International Film Festival – The Past