

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, November 18

Teen Gaming Afternoon
3:00 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, November 18

Films From the 1970's – The Candidate
6:30 pm, Public Library

Wednesday, November 19

Human Relations Commission
7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Ctr.

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

Public Information Committee
7:00 pm, Senior/Youth Ctr.

Thursday, November 20

Teen Afternoon Film - Divergent
3:00 pm, Senior/Youth Ctr.

Monday, November 24

Library Board of Trustee
7:30 pm, Public Library

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Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Monday, November 25

Poetry Night Series – George Witte
7:30 pm, Public Library

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day – Borough Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

Day After Thanksgiving – Borough Offices Closed

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com for updates

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Residents and visitors supported the Veteran's Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11 in honor of Veteran's

What Every Parent Needs to Know About CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is a serious and potentially dangerous problem for teens and children. Many parents of children affected by cyberbullying had no idea their child was a victim.

On Wednesday, November 19, join four experts at a special session to learn how to combat this issue. The seminar will be held at 7:00pm at the Highland Park High School Cafeteria. Speakers include CyberKnight Computers owner Michael Beberman, Highland Park Police Detective Donald Newton, High School Principal Mike Lassiter and High School Anti-Bullying Specialist Melissa Hayes.

This important seminar, sponsored by the Borough of Highland Park, is for adults and teens to discuss the effects of cyberbullying, how to avoid being a victim, and how the schools are managing the problem.

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 this 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 \$2000 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 on www.hpboro.com or at Borough Hall, and help make a difference in Highland Park!

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to communications@hpboro.com.

Highland Marks

Borough employee, **James Webb**, who has worked in the Department of Public Works for the past 3 years, was proud of his son when he joined the Marines two years ago. He was especially proud when his son, Lance Corporal James Webb, recently received a special award for Military Appreciation from Rutgers University. The elder Webb went to the ceremony to accept the award on behalf of his son, who is stationed in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He received a wonderful surprise when his son showed up to the ceremony as well!

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.

Monthly Memo from your Mayor



As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I am so thankful for the wonderful community in which we live. Highland Park boasts a diverse group of residents, and the fact that we all live together in cooperation and respect is evidence of our special town.

So many people have been expressing their gratitude and thanks for special occasions and happenings in their lives through our Gratitude Graffiti project, a 33-day expression of gratitude running until Thanksgiving Day. At the numerous Gratitude Stops throughout town, you are invited to take a special marker and write or illustrate something for which you are grateful.

Last month, Highland Park residents and visitors were treated to a successful Park It! Weekend Celebration of events throughout town. During the weekend of October 23-26, we had nearly 20 special events and activities, including outdoor band performances, presentations and seminars, and a fantastic Meet the Mayor Coffee Social with about 75 people! The Recreation Department held another terrific Halloween Parade and Party, where local children had a blast in their adorable costumes. The Environmental Center also hosted two special events – a Honey Presentation to Elijah's Promise and the unveiling of the Mural painted on the retaining wall at the Center, by local artist Jonathan Horowitz. We were happy to welcome Congressman Frank Pallone and Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin to the event, as well as many local residents.

Assemblywoman Pinkin was also able to join us – along with Freeholder Jim Polos, the Highland Park Councilmembers, and nearly 50 residents and others – at a long-anticipated Dedication Ceremony for our new Police Building, held on November 2nd. The new LEED-certified, state-of-the-art building at 222 South Fifth Street features a new communications system, a safe Sally-port for the safe transfer of prisoners, an emergency command center and more. It allows our police to serve our community more efficiently and effectively.

Main Street Highland Park ran a terrific Restaurant Week in October, during which many of our diverse and ethnic restaurants features special menus or items. We have several new restaurants in town, including Indus Grill and Sunrise Diner, and two 'veterans' – Sushiana and Mordy's Bakery, moved into their new locations. Come check out all these terrific eateries!

I wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and look forward to the more success and growth in the coming months.

Gratitude Graffiti

It's time to "paint the town" again! Gratitude Graffiti is in its 2nd year in Highland Park, and numerous stores throughout Highland Park are participating as "Gratitude Stops". You are invited to take a special marker and write or draw your message of gratitude on one of these designated locations.

Gratitude Graffiti is 33 days of appreciation of one's life through interactive art. The Highland Park project is sponsored by Who Is My Neighbor? Inc. The project runs until Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon

On Wednesday, November 26 at 10:00 am, the Seniors of Highland Park will enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and an afternoon of musical entertainment provided by local musician George Manikas at the Senior/Youth Center. For more information call 732-819-0052.

Garbage Collection Schedule

Borough Offices will be closed November 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The Garbage Collection Schedule is as follows;

Mon., Nov. 24 - Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
 Tues., Nov. 25 – Bagged leaves collection
 Wed., Nov. 26 - Business District & South Side garbage collection
 Thurs., Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Day - Holiday
 Fri., Nov. 28 – Day after Thanksgiving – Holiday

The Main Street Minute

Annual Meeting Notice

Wednesday November 19, 6:30 pm

Please be advised that the Main Street Highland Park Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Unity Bank, 104 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Small Business Saturday, Downtown Tree Lighting, and Winter Art Bazaar

Saturday November 29, 9 am – 11 pm

All day throughout downtown Highland Park is Small Business Saturday. Shoppers are encouraged to "shop small" and patronize downtown bricks-and-mortar businesses.

And at 6pm, join us in the municipal lot between 2nd & 3rd for our annual tree lighting, complete with live music, caroling, hot chocolate, candy canes. Santa may make an appearance!

We will also be kicking off our month-long Winter Art Bazaar, back for its third consecutive season. Once again, PAZ Culture System is partnering with Main Street Highland Park to showcase and sell affordably-priced art by dozens of local artists.

Learn more about these events and more at www.mainstreethp.org or www.facebook.com/mainstreetHP