

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, December 15

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 pm, Borough Hall

Tuesday, December 16

Council Committee Meeting
7:00 pm, Borough Hall

Wednesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 17

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 pm, Eugene Young Environmental
Ctr.

Monday, December 22

Library Board of Trustee
7:30 pm, Public Library

Tuesday, December 30

Spook Handy Holiday Break Concert
2:00 pm, Public Library

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

Borough Offices Closed

Thursday, January 1

New Years Day

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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Join Main Street Highland Park for our
**Annual Holiday Party
& Downtown Menorah
Lighting**

Tuesday December 16
6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Main Street Highland Park, 212 Raritan Ave
Free! Kid-Friendly! Rain or Shine!

Come celebrate another wonderful year of Highland Park's downtown and devoted volunteers, all on the first night of Hanukkah!

- Live music from the Avi Maza Orchestra and Too Many Daves
- Food and drink
- Doughnuts, gelt, and dreidels
- Menorah lighting by Rabbi Shmuel Greene from Mekor-Chaim Steinsaltz Ambassadors

HIGHLAND PARK Event sponsors: Cyber Knight Computers, Mordy's Bakery, Sushiana, Minuteman Press of HP, Judaica Gallery, Park Place, Jerusalem Pizza, and Mekor-Chaim Steinsaltz Ambassadors.

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

Ice and Snow – Remove it Before You Go

Remember to remove all ice and snow from your vehicle before driving, especially from the hood, windows and roof. It's the law in New Jersey!

Motorist who fail to do so face fines of \$25 to \$75 for each offense. If flying ice or snow causes property damage or injury to others, motorist face fines of \$200 to \$1,000 for each offense.

Winter Driving Tips

- Drive slow (at or below the posted speed limit)
- Turn on your headlights
- Increase your following distance
- Give snowplows plenty of room to work
- If you skid, don't brake or accelerate
- Slow down before exiting the highway
- Have a personal safety kit easily accessible in your vehicle
- If your vehicle becomes disabled pull off the road and turn on your emergency flashers

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

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

Monthly Memo from your Mayor



As we approach the holiday season, it is a time to celebrate all of the wonderful people and positive things in our lives. It is an honor to serve as Mayor of such a caring, active community. This season is special in Highland Park because we have a diverse group of residents, with different religions, customs and cultures, yet we all appreciate and celebrate each other's traditions. Our Christmas tree lighting, Hanukkah menorah lighting, and Kwanzaa kinara lighting are attended by residents of many backgrounds and cultures and highlight the unique bond we have with each other.

As you shop for gifts for the holidays, remember to support your local downtown Highland Park shops. I will be doing all of my holiday shopping downtown – in our toy stores, jewelry stores, computer stores, gifts and wine shops, our antiques shop and pet store (I'll be shopping for my cat Lennon there!), and more. After a full day of shopping, I'll stop in one of our delicious restaurants!

This season is also a time to remember those less fortunate than us, and a time to give back to our community through volunteer efforts or donations. Highland Park offers numerous opportunities to help our neighbors – through our Food Pantry, HP First Aid Squad, Library, Better World Café, our Park Partners program, or our Recreation Department and Senior Center to name a few. Also consider getting involved with one of our many committees or commissions, which do such incredible and important work for our community.

Of course, along with the holidays comes winter weather. Our improved communications system and emergency services programs are in place. We were even able to distribute more than 50 emergency radios to some of our elderly and disabled residents thanks to our Park Partners program. Please be aware and prepared this winter season, and listen for alerts or emergency announcements. We want everybody to stay safe and warm this winter!

I want to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe holiday season, and I look forward to a new year filled with new ideas and programs, and continued growth and development within Highland Park.

Highland Marks

UBS, the multi-national global financial services company, has picked White Lotus Home as one of only seven companies in the New York City area to be included in their Elevating Entrepreneurs Program this year. They only pick companies they thoroughly research and conclude and determine that those companies are on the verge of lots of growth! Congratulations to White Lotus Home!

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

(for the weeks of 12/22 and 12/29)

Christmas Week

- Monday (12/22) – Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
- Tuesday (12/23) – Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection
- Wednesday (12/24) - South Side recycling collection
- **Thursday (12/25) – Christmas Day (Borough Offices Closed)**
- Friday (12/26) - Business District & South Side garbage collection

New Year's Week

- Monday (12/29) - Business District, North Side and Triangle household garbage collection
- Tuesday (12/30) - Business District, North Side and Triangle recycling collection
- Wednesday (12/31) - South Side recycling collection
- **Thursday (01/01) - New Year's Day - closed**
- Friday (01/02) - Business District and South Side household garbage collection

For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (732) 247-9379 or visit the Borough website at www.hpboro.com.

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! Deadline is **Tuesday, December 16**.