

Harrington Park

NEWSLETTER

Borough Hall: 201-768-1700
85 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ 07640
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2026

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Mayor Joon L. Chung

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HARRINGTON PARK Upcoming 2026 EVENTS

March 28

EGG HUNT

HOELSCHER FIELD | 11:00AM

**SPONSORED BY JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF HP*

April 25

SHRED DAY

BOROUGH HALL | 9 AM-1 PM

**SPONSORED BY HP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION*

OPENING DAY

HOELSCHER FIELD

**HOSTED BY HP BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL*

May 25

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

LINE UP AT HP SCHOOL | 8:30 AM

**SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION & OLV KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS*

June 20

FISHING DERBY

PONDSIDE PARK | 10-11:30 AM

**HOSTED BY THE HP RECREATION COMMISSION*

**Events, dates and details are subject to change at any time. Visit www.harringtonparknj.gov for the latest information.*

2026 GARBAGE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE SCHEDULE



Garbage:

Once per week from 11/1 – 3/31 (Wednesdays)

Twice per week from 4/1 – 10/31 (Wednesdays & Saturdays)

Recycling:

Weekly on Thursdays
Friday pickup due to the holidays: 11/27 (day after Thanksgiving)

Garden Refuse / Yard Waste: Mondays from 4/1 – 10/31

****Tuesday pickup due to the holidays: 5/26 (day after Memorial Day), 9/8 (day after Labor Day)**

All garden refuse must be placed in a separate barrel and placed at the curb.

Missed pickup? Call the Borough Clerk 201-768-1700.

***Dates subject to change at any time. Visit www.harringtonparknj.gov for the latest information.**



BOROUGH HALL will be closed Monday, February 16th for Presidents' Day and Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday.

Mayor & Council Meetings - Boro. Hall 7:00pm

Feb 9 & 17 • Mar 9 & 16 • Apr 13 & 20

Please visit the Borough website for the meeting schedules for the Boards and Commissions.

CFO/QPA/Tax Collector

Kunjesh Trivedi, Borough Administrator

201-768-8185 / 9:00am-4:00pm
cfocollector@harringtonparknj.gov
administratorcfo@harringtonparknj.gov

Deputy Tax Collector/Finance Accounts Clerk

Lisa Krivoruk / 201-768-1588
ap@harringtonparknj.gov

DPW Superintendent – Steven Nappi

201-768-0944 / hpdpw@harringtonparknj.gov

Tax Assessor

Patrick Wilkins / wilkins@harringtonparknj.gov
Mondays 6:30-8:00pm - *Excluding Holidays*

Secretary to the Tax Assessor

Annie Mongelia / 201-768-8790
Mon. & Thurs. 10:00am-3:00pm
hpta@harringtonparknj.gov

Borough Clerk / Registrar – Carolyn Lee

201-768-1700 / clerk@harringtonparknj.gov
Raffle licenses

Secretary to the Board of Health

Annie Mongelia / 201-768-8790
Mon. & Thurs. 10:00am-3:00pm
BOH@harringtonparknj.gov

Health Inspector

Louis Apa, REHS / 201-248-9837
Louisapa@yahoo.com (*call for appointments*)

Building Department & Inspections

201-768-2585 / building@harringtonparknj.gov
-Mon-Thu 9:00am-4:00pm (closed 1-2pm for lunch)
-Fridays 9:00am-2:30pm
Obtain permit applications, make payments, pick up processed permits

Inspection requests (must be emailed):

inspections@harringtonparknj.gov

Construction Official – Scott Wickersheim

Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

Building Inspector – Robert Rusch

Mon. 3:15-6:15pm / Thurs. 4:45-6:45pm /
Fri. 11:15-12:15pm

Fire Subcode – Charles Batch

Tuesday/Thursday 10:00-12:00pm

Zoning Official – Joseph DeSalvo

201-768-7110 / Mon. 10:00-11:00am

Electric Inspector – Richard Hess

Tues. & Thurs. 12:00-2:00pm

Plumbing Inspector – Scott Wickersheim

Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-6:00pm

Code Enforcement / Property Maintenance

Scott Wickersheim 862-701-1882
(*please leave a message for assistance*)
propertymaintenance@harringtonparknj.gov

MUNICIPAL COURT - 85 Harriot Avenue
Held on 2nd Thurs. of the month at 4:00pm
Municipal Court Judge: Matthew Fierro

Ms. Katherine Viger, *Court Administrator*
201-768-0500

All questions pertaining to Municipal Court should be directed to Ms. Viger.

Mon. / Thurs. 9am-4:30pm

Hours subject to change without advance notice.

From the Desk of Mayor Joon L. Chung:



Reflecting on a Productive 2025

As we look back on 2025, I am proud to share a summary of the many accomplishments achieved on behalf of our community.

Through thoughtful planning, strong partnerships, and the dedication of our Borough staff and officials, we made meaningful progress in strengthening our operations, improving infrastructure, and enhancing quality of life for our residents.

This year, we **appointed a new Borough Clerk, Carolyn Lee**, ensuring continuity, professionalism, and responsiveness in one of the Borough's most vital roles. We also implemented a new email system that is fully compliant with JIF best-practice recommendations, enhancing security, efficiency, and reliability in our communications.

Significant **investments were made in our infrastructure**. Multiple road paving projects were completed using Riverside Co-Op and Borough funds, including Oak Street, Cooper Place, and Lynn Street. We also completed Parkway Phase II paving in 2025 and successfully secured a \$194,341 grant for Parkway Phase III, which is scheduled for 2026.

Regional collaboration continued to be a priority. We established new shared service agreements with Norwood for sewer truck services, dumping, and leaf composting, and with Old Tappan for mechanical services. In addition, a new three-year Department of Public Works contract was executed, providing stability and clarity for operations moving forward.

Our **parks and recreation spaces saw important improvements** as well. Enhancements at Hoelscher Field—including new fencing and a backstop at Field 1—were completed with Community Affairs funding, and Field 5 dugouts were finished using Open Space grant funds. We also successfully completed the Pondsides Park improvement project through a DCA grant, further enriching our community's outdoor spaces.

We **strengthened public safety at our parks** by installing a new lightning detection and alert system provided by Perry Weather. The upgraded system now supports Hoelscher Field and Pondsides Park with timely alerts, helping our coaches, families, and past visitors make safer decisions during fast-changing weather conditions.

Behind the scenes, **substantial administrative work was completed**. The Borough finalized a comprehensive update to the Employee Handbook, representing a significant effort to modernize policies and ensure clarity and consistency. We also hired a new grant writer to help identify and pursue additional funding opportunities that reduce the burden on local taxpayers. Building Department hours were updated, with a new schedule forthcoming to better serve residents.

Equally important to these major initiatives, throughout the year we focused on the everyday concerns of our residents—because good government is not just about big announcements, but about making sure people feel supported, heard, and cared for each and every day.

In addition to these operational achievements, we were honored to recognize **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as the 2025 Citizen of the Year**. Founded in 1925 and designated a parish in 1960, St. Andrew's has been a cornerstone of Harrington Park for a century. Their deep involvement in community life—from Town Day, Memorial Day dedications, First Responder Recognition, 9/11 Remembrances, Trunk or Treat, the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting—reflects an unwavering commitment to service and fellowship. Their continued support of local food pantries, the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County, their welcoming Election Night Fish & Chips Dinner, and sponsorship of concerts and performances exemplify the spirit of generosity and community that defines Harrington Park. For 100 years, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has embodied the values of compassion, service, and unity, and we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their dedicated service to our community.

Looking ahead, the Borough will serve as the **lead agency for interborough radio communications in 2026**, an important step in strengthening regional coordination and emergency preparedness.

These accomplishments reflect the collective efforts of our Borough Council, boards, commissions, staff, volunteers, and community partners. I am grateful for their commitment and for the trust our residents place in us. Together, we will continue building a strong, responsive, and forward-thinking Borough.

Warm regards,
Mayor Joon Chung

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S DESK

Tax Collector: Kunjesh Trivedi • Deputy Tax Collector: Lisa Krivoruk

Tax Due Dates

Taxes are due **February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1**. A 10-day grace period applies. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, payment is due the next business day. Late payments accrue 8% interest on the first \$1,500 of delinquency and 18% on amounts over \$1,500.

Important Reminders

- Postmarks are not accepted under NJ law; payment must be received by the due date.
- If your mortgage company pays your taxes, your bill will say "Not a bill, for advice only."
- If you receive an advice-only statement but have no mortgage, use it to pay your taxes.
- When you sell your home, give the tax bill to the new owner at closing.
- Not receiving a bill does not remove your obligation to pay taxes or interest.



How to Pay

- **Online:** Pay through the Borough website (www.harringtonparknj.gov) and view past or upcoming payments.
- **By Check (in person or mail):**
 - Make checks payable to the Borough of Harrington Park.
 - A drop box is located next to the main Borough Hall door for after-hours payments.
- **Include with your payment:**
 - Block/Lot or account number on your check
 - The correct tax stub
 - A self-addressed stamped envelope if you need a receipt
- If paying through your bank's online bill pay: Include your Block/Lot/Qualifier, and allow time for the bank to mail the check.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Looking beyond these cold months of winter, consider the following suggestions for a healthier environment this spring. To protect the water in our reservoirs, minimize use of fertilizer on lawns; switch to compost and natural fertilizer in garden beds. Plant more flowers to provide pollen for bees to harvest for honey. (Our Harrington Park honey is always available at Borough Hall.) Lastly, plant new trees and replace trees that need to be removed. Trees not only provide cooling shade but also encourage absorption of water to mitigate flooding.



The Environmental Commission will sponsor the following events:

- The **Community Garden** application will be posted on the Borough website in the middle of **March**.
- **Humus sale** application will also be posted on the Website in the beginning of **April**.
- **Shred Day** will take place at the Borough Hall parking lot on a Saturday in **April 25th from 9am-1pm**.

HP VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps would like to thank our residents for their continued support throughout the past year. Your generosity allows our all-volunteer organization to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and to provide the high-quality emergency medical care our community depends on—especially during the challenging winter months.

As winter weather increases the risk of slips, falls, and weather-related emergencies, our volunteers remain ready to respond at a moment's notice. Community support helps us maintain critical equipment, supplies, and training needed to meet these demands.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to give back in the new year, we invite you to consider joining our EMS team. No prior experience is required; training is provided. We also offer a Junior Program for teens ages 16–18 who are interested in learning more about emergency medical services and serving their community.

For more information, please contact Captain Bruce Marshall at hpvac526@gmail.com, speak with any member, or visit www.hpambulance.org to learn how you can support or become part of this vital volunteer service.





GARDEN CLUB OF HARRINGTON PARK



President: Gerri Gibney, 201-768-2615 • www.gardenclubofharringtonpark.com

The Garden Club of Harrington Park meetings are held in the Community Church's Founders' Hall, 1 Spring Street, Harrington Park, at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend — membership is not required

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, February 5th

Speaker: Robyn Lowenthal, Master Gardener

Topic: "Container Vegetable Gardening"

Robyn Lowenthal runs a therapeutic horticulture program for developmentally disabled adults. She enjoys growing tropicals, annuals, perennials, shrubs, and vegetables and is passionate about plant propagation.

Whether you live in an apartment with a small balcony or have a large backyard, container vegetable gardening allows you to cultivate a variety of vegetables and flowers in an easy and manageable way. You'll learn everything you need to grow your own vegetables successfully, including appropriate containers and soil, planning, planting, and pest and disease control.

Thursday, March 5th

Speaker: Christine Kozar

Topic: "Getting Ready for Spring"

Christine Kozar is a retired middle-school teacher. Her main focus is on starting or expanding gardens. She is also available to work with young people who want to explore gardening, the environment, and/or ecosystems.

Are you eager for spring to arrive? Here are the chores you should be doing now before you step into your garden. This slide show covers winter through spring

chores and includes ideas to make the most of your yard, streamline your gardening habits, and keep you busy until you can actually be outside.

Thursday, April 2nd

Speaker: Bruce Crawford

Bruce is the manager of horticulture for the Morris County Park Commission. He has a degree in biology from Bucknell University and studied landscape architecture and horticulture at Cook College, Rutgers University. For nearly 25 years, Bruce had his own design/build gardening business that specialized in plantings for year-round interest. One of those gardens was featured in Fine Gardening magazine. From 1987-2020, Bruce was an instructor in the Landscape Architecture program at Rutgers University. From 2005 to 2020, Bruce was the director of Rutgers Gardens, the botanical garden for Rutgers University, and from 2020 to 2021 he was the state program leader for home and public horticulture with the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station. In 2021, he received the Award of Excellence from the National Garden Clubs. Bruce lectures frequently to various groups and creates the Plant of the Month series for Rutgers NJAES. A true plant lover, he said he has yet to find a plant he doesn't like.

Programs will be followed by a question and answer period and refreshments.

HARRINGTON PARK 5K RUN



Looking to be involved in our community?

Join the Harrington Park Fall Spectacular 5K planning committee!

It's a low-time-commitment opportunity to work together, meet other people, help organize an event that celebrates community and health, and supports scholarships, town organizations, and charities.

Please email the Harrington Park Road Runners Association at hp5krace@gmail.com for more details.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Effective January 5, 2026,

the Building Department office hours are as follows:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

(closed 1:00pm-2:00pm for lunch)

Friday: 9:00am - 2:30pm

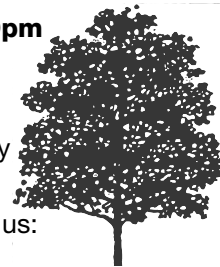
Please contact us: **201-768-2585**

all messages will be returned promptly

Building@harringtonparknj.gov

For inspection requests, please email us:

Inspections@harringtonparknj.gov



FOLLOW HARRINGTON PARK



Borough of Harrington Park.....@harringtonparknj
 Harrington Park Recreation.....@harrington_park_rec
 Harrington Park School.....@harrington_park_school
 Harrington Park Police.....@hppolicenj
 Harrington Park Fire.....@harringtonparkfd

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

The Community Church in Harrington Park

Zach Waldis, Pastor, 201-768-2457
www.cchpchurch.org

The Community Church Handbell Choir is looking for new ringers. If you're available on Mondays at 1 PM and can read music, we'd love to have you. The bell choir typically plays about once a month during worship.

Our Chancel Choir is always looking for singers as well. Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. We rehearse from 7:30 to 9:00 PM and then again on Sundays at 9:00 AM to perform in worship at 10:00 AM. Amy Duran is our wonderful director.

A Bible study on Matthew will begin on Sunday, February 1st at 11:15 AM following worship. All are welcome to attend.

The Community Church in Harrington Park will once again be celebrating Lent with our Wednesday evening suppers and Lenten worship services. The suppers begin at 6:30 PM in Founders' Hall and are followed by a worship service at 7:30 PM. These will begin on Wednesday, February 18 and continue through Wednesday, March 25th. Any and all are welcome to both.

- Maundy Thursday worship will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM.
- Good Friday worship will be on Friday, April 3rd at 12 noon.
- Our Annual Easter Dawn Service will be on Sunday, April 5th at 6:30 AM at Pondsides Park, followed by breakfast at the church.
- Regular Easter worship will be at 10 AM.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Celebrating 100 years! 1925-2025

31 Lynn Street / 201-768-0819

<https://standrewshp.com>

Join us for:

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES @ 9 a.m. every week. ALL ARE WELCOME!

All God's Children Service, a family-friendly service, held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 30-minute service with lots of music and no shushing. Sunday School follows service.

St. Andrew's supports WholeSum Pantry in Norwood. A bin is outside the Church doors for donations of non-perishable food items.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAISE the ROOF fundraisers:

Saturday, March 14th @ noon – Concert
THE RACKET presents Almost Irish concert.

Wednesday, March 18th
Fish or Chicken & Chips Dinner 5-7 PM

Take-out or Eat in – call or to place your order

OPEN HOUSE CRAFTER DAYS

Saturdays 10-4 Bring your own craft to work on as we provide a work space. Any craft is welcome - if it's portable, bring it! Please bring a donation for the food pantry.

January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25

Our Lady of Victories Church

201-768-1706 / website: olvhp.org • Rev. Wojciech B. Jaskowiak, Pastor; Rev. Edmond P. Ilg, Parochial Vicar;

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00pm & 5:00pm

Sunday 7:00am, 8:00am Latin, 9:30am, 9:30am Family Mass (gym), 10:45am, 12:00Noon, 1:00pm Spanish & 6:00pm

HARRINGTON PARK SWIM CLUB

Even though the 2026 season is months away, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes activity in preparation for the pool opening this summer. We are excited to share that we have a new Pool Board from the community dedicated to opening the HP Pool for the 2026 summer season. We plan on posting additional updates as we progress through this chilly winter season.



First, we want to thank Kathleen Forma, who, after serving on, and leading, the Pool's Board of Trustees for years, has decided to step down. Also, after many seasons as our pool's head manager, Becky Callahan will be moving on. We cannot thank them enough for their help over the years to keep the pool running smoothly and safely for our families.

To ensure we can pave a stable path forward, the Pool Board is looking to hire a new pool manager and welcome new Board Members to help shape the pool's future. Additionally, we are looking to expand our business partnerships at the pool for the 2026 season, and welcome any businesses interested in supporting the pool through advertising, sponsorships or banner displays. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact us at hpkswimclub@gmail.com.

Managing a pool is a challenging proposition, rising costs and dwindling membership have left many pools unable to open. With each year we are getting dangerously closer to that point. As a member funded organization, it is critical that we retain and expand the membership to the pool. To ensure we can open we will be opening up membership and holding fundraising activities well ahead of the season this year.

Please follow us on Facebook/Instagram @hpswimclub and create an account at <https://harringtonpark.membersplash.com> to join our mailing list. We will share details on when membership opens, our fundraising activities and how to help via those channels first.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR PARKS AND WOODED AREAS CLEAN & HEALTHY



Dear Residents,

It has come to the attention of the Borough that a few residents are not mindful of their dog's waste during their dogwalks.

Our community is lucky to have beautiful parks that bring us together. To ensure these spaces remain clean, safe, and enjoyable, we kindly remind all dog walkers to pick up after their pets and comply with local laws.

Harrington Park Borough Ordinance Chapter 105 Section 12 Paragraph 5 states and prohibits:

- All dogs must be leashed at all times when in Borough parks and public spaces.
- Dog owners are required to "curb their pet and pick up the waste matter," disposing of it properly in trash receptacles.

Note our town recently acquired and installed additional "Doggy Pot Stations" for the disposal of dog waste at ten locations frequented by residents to walk their dogs.

Why It Matters

- Dog waste can pose serious health and environmental risks, contaminating stormwater systems and local streams with bacteria and pathogens.

Thank you for helping us protect our parks and community. Keeping our parks and wooded-areas clean enhances enjoyment for families, community members, and our four-legged friends. Together, we can ensure a safe, clean environment for everyone.

Sincerely,
Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park

HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL LICENSES:

CHICKENS: Take note to renew your chicken license annually. The application is available on the borough website or can be mailed to you if you call 201-768-8790.

DOGS & CATS: Local Ordinance 105 (Dogs) and Ordinance 358 (Cats) require licenses for dogs and cats – even if your pet never leaves the house. **All dog and cat licenses expire on January 31st of each year and must be renewed in January.** The application is available on the borough website. Note that the rabies certificate must be valid through November 1, 2026, and must be attached to the 2026 license application, along with corresponding payment.

DEER AND OTHER WILDLIFE: Borough Ordinance Chapter 291-20 prohibits the feeding of any wildlife on public and private property, apart from bird feeders on private property. See Chapter 164 of the borough code for fines and penalties.

BENEFIT NAVIGATORS: For low-income and moderate-income older adults (age 60+) or adults with disabilities: Benefit Navigators are available to assist you with filling out applications for NJ Save programs (prescription assistance, PAAD, utility credit, Medicare Savings Programs, etc.), ABD Medicaid, and SNAP (food stamps).

Eligible applicants will receive a complimentary \$25 grocery store gift card!

For more information or to make an appointment with a Benefit Navigator, please call 201-336-7400 or email Seniors@bergencountynj.gov.



CLUB 60

We meet on the second Friday of each month except July and August in Founders Hall of The Community Church. Meetings start at 12 noon and include a business meeting, lunch, and entertainment. We also plan monthly day trips during spring and fall and plan luncheons during the other months. We have a Holiday Party in December and a Picnic at Hoelscher Field in June.

Our club is here for senior residents who are looking to fill some time with something enjoyable. Age is not an issue as our members range from the 60's through the 90's. If you're not sure, come to one of our meetings as a guest to check us out. I bet you'll be back.

For info on joining or anything other than trips, call Pete Stonitsch at 201 213-6641

For trip info, call Phyllis at 201 768-5753



HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOROUGH NEWS JANUARY – MARCH 2026



LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY & THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY & FRIDAY NOON – 5:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PHONE: 201-768-5675 • FAX: 201-768-7495

EMAIL: hapkcirc@bccls.org
 heldman@harringtonpark.bccls.org

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

February 16 Presidents' Day

STORYTIMES

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - Space is limited

TALES FOR TOTS Storytime

Ages 18 months & up / Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for fun stories, crafts and more!

LITTLE LISTENERS Storytime

Ages 3-5 / Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for fun stories, crafts and more!

RUBBER DUCKY CLUB (Preschool to age 5)

YEAR-ROUND

The Rubber Ducky Club for young children builds vital skills in early childhood. Early literacy is encouraging your child to love language and books, while having fun! Each child will receive a RUBBER DUCKY READING LOG with suggestions for 12 early literacy activities. After an activity is completed, bring the reading log in and receive a rubber duck prize!

“SNOW MUCH FUN “ Reading Challenge!

Let the magic of books and snowflakes swirl together in our January Reading Incentive. Kids of all ages are invited to cozy up with great stories and have their imaginations drift into winter wonderlands.

All readers who complete the challenge will be entered into a Winter Wonderland Raffle- with chilly-cool prizes waiting to be won! Bundle up, open a book, and let it snow... stories!

BUILD YOUR OWN TEDDY BEAR

Wednesday, January 21 @ 3:30pm – Grades K- 3
 Come to the Library for a BEARY special event! Create your own cuddly Teddy Bear to take home and love.
Space is limited; please call the Library to register!

FEBRUARY IS “LOVE YOUR LIBRARY” MONTH

Show a Little Love for your Little Library! Purchase a heart for \$10.00 to hang on our Valentine Wall to support the Library. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books. *Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.*

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 7th • 11:00 – 1:00pm
 Join us for a very Special Event at the Library featuring Balloon Chica! There will be hot cocoa, fun, and a whole lot of surprises – you won't want to miss it!
 Bring Family & Friends and Celebrate the Joys of Reading.

BATTLE CHEFS

Wed., February 11th • 3:30 – 4:30pm (Grades 3 & Up)
 Join the Library's "Battle Chefs" Program, an interactive cooking experience where participants work together to design edible tablescapes and themed menus based a seasonal inspiration. Perfect for aspiring young chefs! Get ready to mix, chop, and create!
 Come Cook and Compete –Library-style!
Space is limited; please call the Library to register!

MUSEUM PASSES FOR 2026

- **AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**
 The Library has paper vouchers for the museum - there's a limit of two vouchers per family (while they last), and a family can request them only once per year.
- **STORM KING ART CENTER MUSEUM PASS**
 The Museum Pass is valid for a free six-person car admission. Come into the Library to reserve a date.
- **9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM**
 The Museum Pass admits 2 adults and 2 children (17 and under). Come into to the Library to reserve a date.
- **INTREPID SEA, AIR, & SPACE MUSEUM**
 The Museum Pass is valid for free admission for 2 adults and 2 children. Come into the Library to reserve a date.
- **MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**
 The Museum Pass admits 5 people for free. Up to 5 additional tickets can then be bought for \$5 apiece at the lobby membership desk. Come into to the Library to reserve a date.

BOOK GROUP

Last Tuesday of each month @ 1:00pm
 January 27 – SIGNATURE OF ALL THINGS (Elizabeth Gilbert)
 February 25 – A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND (Timothy Egan)
 March 31 – TABLE FOR TWO (Amor Towles)
 Books are available at the desk.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The Library offers Conversational English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) sessions either one on one or in a group for Harrington Park Residents. Classes are held once a week for one hour.
 Please stop by the Library to be matched with a tutor.
 (ESL VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED)

HARRINGTON PARK RECREATION

We are looking for residents to potentially be nominated by the mayor to become member(s) of Rec. Commission. This is a good opportunity for anyone interested in contributing to the HP community. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be, please have them get in touch with the Rec. Commission directly. Contact: hprec@harringtonparknj.gov





HARRINGTON PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Harrington Park Fire Department has proudly served our community for over 100 years, relying on dedicated volunteers to protect our neighbors and property since our founding in 1911. However, like many fire departments nationwide, we've seen a steady decline in volunteerism in recent years. Here's the good news: We still have a strong team of volunteers who make a real difference in our community daily. We're actively seeking recruits to join our ranks and continue this important tradition. Becoming a volunteer firefighter is a life-changing experience that offers many benefits. You'll have the chance to serve your community by positively impacting and protecting your neighbors. The role also provides valuable skills development, teaching firefighting techniques, teamwork, and emergency response procedures. Additionally, we offer financial incentives to our volunteer firefighters. We also run a Junior Firefighters program for those interested who are 16-18 years old. This program provides an introduction to firefighting and the opportunity to explore a career in the fire service.

Interested in becoming a firefighter with the Harrington Park Fire Department? Contact us at join@hpfire.org or stop by the Fire House on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 8 PM. We are collecting used sneakers (and only sneakers.) There is a drop box located outside the door on the Harriot Ave side of the building. Please drop off your used sneakers (in any condition) and we will ship them out for re-use and recycling.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

www.harringtonparkhistoricalsociety.com
For questions, please call Gerri Gibney at 201-768-2615



Harrington Park Historical Society meets at the Harrington Park Boro Hall, 85 Harriot Avenue, 7:30 P.M. For questions, or more information, please see website; www.harringtonparkhistoricalsociety.com, or, please call Gerri Gibney at 201 768-2615. Everyone is invited to attend these free lectures. Happy 250th Birthday America!

February 19, 2026 – Speaker: Carol Simon Levin
Topic: "Catharine "Caty" Greene, the Indomitable Wife of Nathanael Greene"

For the 250th anniversary of the birthday of our nation, see the American Revolution through a different perspective. Carol Simon Levin portrays Catharine "Caty" Greene, the indomitable wife of Nathanael Greene, one of Gen. George Washington's most valued officers and good friend to many other revolutionary notables.

Caty spent much of the war joining her husband and the other officers as they moved from one battlefield to another (many in New Jersey. Known as a witty raconteur, she enlivened the spirits of officers and troops alike as the war ranged from New Jersey to South Carolina, famously dancing for 3 hours straight with George Washington. Her wit, pluck and courage carried her through both victories and setbacks not only during the war but throughout a remarkable life full of resilience and reinvention.

Carol Simon Levin is a professional storyteller and independent historian who specializes in telling the stories of "fascinating women history forgot" through first person portrayals.

Carol is the founder of Telling Her Stories and was a 2020 NJ Council for the Humanities Public Scholar presenting "Reclaiming Our Voice: NJ's Role in the Fight for Woman Suffrage" which she also published as an article in March 2020 online issue of Garden State Legacy. She is the author of the book *Remembering the Ladies: From Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates* (which profiles 69 women – well-known and unknown – who worked tirelessly for women's rights in America) and co-author (with Joy Tsuzuki) of Joy's memoir *A Child of Two Cultures: Growing Up in the U.S. & Japan amidst WWII*. Carol holds a BA focusing on women's history and history of technology from Cornell University and a Masters in Library Services from the University of Arizona. She is a New Jersey Council for the Humanities Public Scholar, a member of the New Jersey Storytelling Network, the National Women's History Alliance, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

March 26, 2026 – Speaker: William (Pat) Schuber
Topic: "George Washington in Bergen County"

Mr. Schuber is currently Assistant Professor at the School of Administrative Science at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He lectures

frequently on government, law, military history, historical leadership, ethics, communication and conflict resolution. He has written many scholarly articles and co-authored books on topics of history, leadership and Homeland Security. A Captain in the US Army Reserve (Ret.), his extensive travels have given him a bird's eye view of historical sites and situations all over the world.

Mr. Schuber's passion, knowledge, and keen interest of American history should make the lecture a standout for all history buffs.

George Washington was deeply involved in Bergen County, NJ, during the Revolutionary War, particularly during his pivotal 1776 retreat from Fort Lee, using the crucial New Bridge over the Hackensack River to escape the British and rally his troops, making sites like Historic New Bridge Landing and the Steuben House central to this "Retreat to Victory."

April 23, 2026 – Speaker: Mario Medici
Topic: "From Rebellion to Independence"

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate 250 years of independence. "With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history." This Powerpoint program is a historical and chronological account of the American Revolution and major events from the earliest days up to America's independence from Great Britain. Program will include references to period artwork by artists of the time, video scenes and audio segments depicting key events and individuals. You will be inspired by the stories of the brave men and women who risked everything for a desperate bid for "freedom."

Mario Medici, a retired Information Technology executive who has traveled the world, is New York City born and raised. He completed his undergraduate degree at Bernard Baruch College (CUNY) and his graduate degree at Long Island University. He is a licensed New York City tour guide, a passionate history enthusiast, and nurtures his curiosity about all things. In his presentations, he takes on New York City's interesting history as well as other subject matter. Through a combination of diligent research, computer skills and love for amateur photography, Mario presents the story combining video and music, as well as elements of art, architecture and notable individuals, making each lecture interesting and fast-moving. Mario currently lectures at Bergen Community College's Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) and has a growing list of over 80 venues that includes schools, community organizations, and libraries.

June 25, 2026
Keep the date open! We're planning a 250th America Birthday celebration! More to come!

FIRE PREVENTION

As we enter the winter season you should be checking your smoke alarms to see if they work properly and if they are over 10 years old and are battery operated you need to change them to the new ten (10) year battery alarms. This also applies to the carbon monoxide alarm. You can purchase the combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm in any hardware store or big box store.

Please note: if you have a hard-wired alarm, one that is powered by 110 volts **YOU CAN NOT REPLACE IT WITH A BATTERY-OPERATED DEVICE.** There is a reason why it is powered by 110 volts. They are interconnected with others in your house and if one is activated they all activate. Make sure if you replace any alarm it is listed and states it is a life safety device.

Winter is here. If you have a gasoline powered Snow Blower, make sure you store it outside of you home. Remember, never store any flammable products inside your home. As for the live holiday decorations that were (are) inside your house, it is time to remove them. Please inspect all lights and discard any that are worn or destroyed.

Now is the time to check out your lawn mower to make sure it is in a safe condition to operate. If in doubt have it serviced by a mechanic.

If you use an indoor fireplace, please remove the ashes left after a fire and place them in a metal container not a plastic bag and place them away from your house to cool down before you dispose of them.

REMEMBER THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 201-321-9550 or e-mail tsimp07640@gmail.com.



Thomas E. Simpson
Fire Marshal

*** ** COMMUNITY NEWS *** **

CUB SCOUTS PACK 616

Harrington Park Cub Scouts Cub Scouts Pack 616: (Co-Troops with Norwood 120) Open to all boys and girls K-5. Interested in being outside with friends, camping, going on hikes, the pinewood derby, launching rockets, helping the community, and so much more? Grade level Dens meet once a month & Pack (all dens) meets once a month, membership is open throughout the year, never too late to join the fun!

Upcoming events:

- Sat. Jan. 17th - Tiger Tumble
- Sat. Jan. 24th - Klondike
- Fri. Feb. 7th - Intrepid Sleepover
- Sat. Feb. 14th - Pinewood Derby

Join the Pack



Contact: hpcubscouts616@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hpcubscouts616/>

Harrington Park Scouts

Scout Troop 616: Open to Boys and Girls 11yo or in the 5th grade. Scouting is a family organization that gives our children leadership opportunities to nurture personal growth through learning new skills, with an emphasis on outdoor experiences. There is something transformative when a kid lights their first fire without a match, or when they hit the bullseye. The troop meets every Thursday following the school schedule at the Community Church in Harrington park at 7:30pm.

Upcoming events:

- Sat. Jan. 24th - Klondike
- Feb. Annual Winter Camping - Snow Sports
- March 27th - 29th Glen Gray Dessert Bakeoff

GIRL SCOUTS

The last few months have been full of fun and fulfilling activities amongst the HP Girl Scout troops. We are so proud of all of our girls for everything they do for each other and the community!

In October, all troops gathered for an exciting and spooky Halloween party hosted by the 4th grade troop. Also, the 3rd graders and some 1st graders helped hand out Halloween treats during the Ragamuffin Parade - bringing smiles to the youngest HP residents.

In November, many Girl Scouts of all ages ran in the town 5k/mile fun run/kiddie dash, or volunteered to support those that did run - earning a "Girls Run the World" badge for their efforts! The 3rd and 4th grade troops also led a seasonal clean up of the zen garden at Pondsides Park before winter hit.

Finally, in December the Kindergarten and 1st grade troops sang at the HP Home for the Holidays event while the 5th grade troop put on their community service and entrepreneurial hats in hosting a table where kids could decorate sugar cookies and they also sold beautiful birthday and holiday cards that they designed themselves! The kindergartners and 1st graders also shared their holiday songs with residents at a local senior home - spreading joy through music and connection.

Lastly, a reminder that our Girl Scouts will start selling cookies on January 9th, with a new cookie this year! The Exploremores are rocky road ice cream inspired with flavors of chocolate, marshmallow, and toasted almond cr me. Reach out to your neighborhood scouts to snag a box!

If any Girl Scout related questions you can always reach out to HarringtonParkGS@gmail.com.



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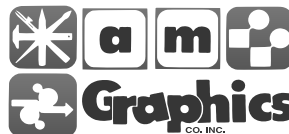
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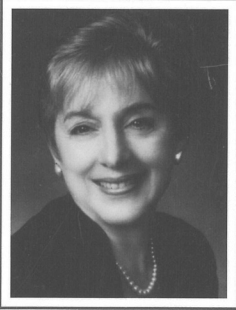


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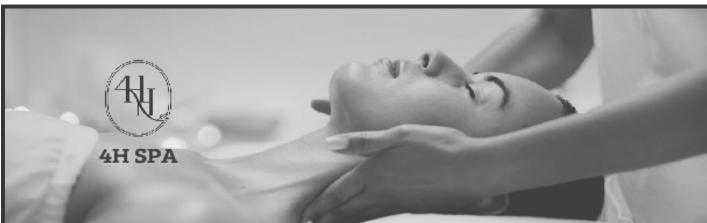
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