

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park



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This newsletter is a service to the residents of the Town of Highland Park to keep you informed of new services, events, activities, and other important information. If there is anything you would like to see covered in the newsletter, please let us know. Contact Holly Russell, Management Assistant at hRussell@hptx.org, or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



Recycle and HHW events

It is time to spring clean and remove those harmful materials from your house, and recycle electronics that don't need to end up in the landfill. Mark your calendars for the spring **Park Cities Recycling Event** and the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**.

- **Park Cities Recycling Event**
Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
3001 University Blvd.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**
Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
3801 Lexington Ave.
Reservations are strongly encouraged
hptx.org/recreation or call (214) 521 - 4161



Bring your paper items for shredding, electronics for recycling, and gently used items for donation to the Park Cities Recycling Event. There is no registration for this event. Drop by at your convenience, and workers will unload the items for you.

Town residents can bring their chemicals, paints, cleaners, used cooking oils and grease, and other hazardous chemicals for disposal to the HHW event. Electronics will not be taken at this collection. Due to the high demand, it is strongly encouraged that you make a reservation by calling Utility Customer Service during normal work hours, (214) 521-4161, or you can make your reservation online at hptx.org/recreation. Click on the Activities tab, and select the HHW event.

HP Department of Public Safety

A Note From 911 Emergency Communications



Reaching 911 by mobile phone

It's complicated, but I want to share some important information about how a 911 call is routed when a call is placed from a cellular device!

Every cellular tower has three "faces" that receive and direct signals. When a 911 call is placed from a cellular device, the signals are triangulated and land on one of the three faces of a cellular tower. The call is then routed to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) that is pre-programmed to receive calls based on that "face" of the tower, and sometimes your call goes to a different agency than you are expecting.

Sometimes it's because the programming is wrong, but more often than not, the cause of a "misroute" is because the area covers a large range of two (or three) jurisdictions. For example, you may be calling from a location in Highland Park, but most of the area facing that side of the tower is actually in another jurisdiction, so it lands in their PSAP instead of ours. Another problem that sometimes arises is the tower that picks up your phone's signal may be near or not. Despite the requirement that calls are routed to the nearest tower, many things can interfere with the delivery of the actual call.



So....what do YOU need to know when calling 911 for an emergency within Highland Park's boundaries? Listen for the name of the city when the call is answered. Most agencies in the DFW area answer their 911 lines by first identifying their city. As an example, we answer our calls with "Highland Park 911. What is the location of the emergency?" Dallas and University Park answer similarly, identifying their city in the initial pick up, such as "Dallas 911" or "University Park 911". In the event your call is answered by the incorrect jurisdiction, just tell them to transfer you to us. I can guarantee they are as eager to transfer that call as you are to get to us! I feel that I need to add a disclaimer here - IF your emergency is NOT in Highland Park, don't ask to be transferred to us because we're going to have to turn around and transfer you somewhere else!

What do WE need to know?

1. The address or location of your emergency! If you don't know the address, give as many identifiers as possible. If you're in someone's house, look for mail or something that may have the address on it. Note: If you are not in Highland Park, you will need to report the emergency to the agency that answers the phone.
2. The nature of the emergency! It helps us know if you need police, fire, or an ambulance!

Want more information? Contact 911 Communications Manager Kelle Hall at khall@hpdps.org or (214) 559-9396. She LOVES to talk about how 911 works!

Summer Swim Schedules Announced

Be sure to get your 2022 Resident Pool Pass online at hptx.org/recreation!

Permits for 1 to 4 family members (in the same household): \$60 per person

Additional family member permits: \$30 per person when purchased at the same time.

Children 12-months or younger do not need a permit.

2022 Open Swim Schedule

Regular Family/Open Swim:

Friday, May 27, through Sunday, August 14; 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Tuesdays – Sundays

Extended Family/Open Swim:

Sunday, August 21, through Sunday, September 25; 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays & Sundays only

2022 Lap Swim Schedule

Early Season Lap Swim:

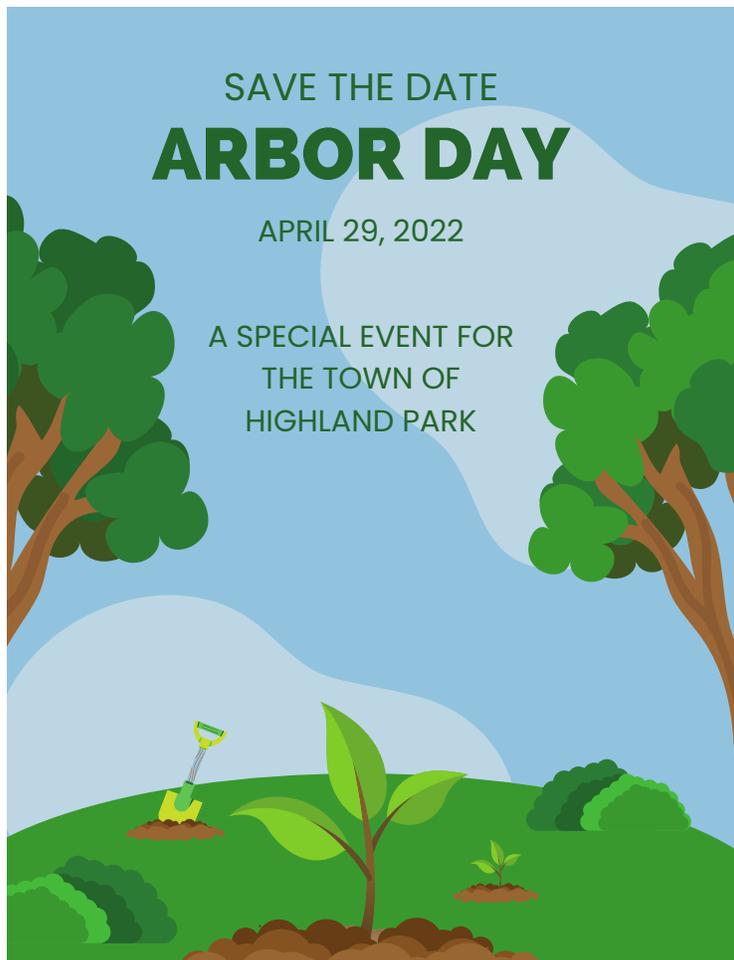
Tuesday, April 19 through Thursday, May 26; 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Tuesdays – Fridays only

Regular Lap Swim:

Friday, May 27, through Sunday, September 25; 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Tuesdays – Sundays

Final Extension Lap Swim:

Tuesday, September 27, through Friday, October 28; 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Tuesdays – Fridays only



The Library has a New Edition – The Library is adding to its non-traditional collection, and this one is on wheels. Be on the lookout for the Library’s new book trike, named Spoke & Word, out in the parks, at community events, or with staff hosting impromptu storytimes. The shelves in the cargo box are ready to be filled with books, and the tires are ready to get rolling. The trike’s design features the teddy bear mascot from the Library’s Children’s Room riding through reading adventures.

On your next visit to the Library be sure to stop by the Fireside Room, where the trike is currently on display. Funding for Spoke & Word was generously provided by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation. The Library would also like to thank the San Francisco Public Library for use of the name Spoke & Word.

Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card for residents of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/hplapply> or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.



HP Library: What to Read Next



April 22 is Earth Day. With the title [Secrets of Our Earth](#) by Carron Brown, young readers will learn all about Earth from polar lands to deserts and volcanoes to oceans. This title is part of the Shine-A-Light book series. While sharing this book, use a flashlight to reveal hidden parts of pages, which adds a level of adventure to bedtime stories. The hidden meerkats are staff favorite. Other titles in the Shine-A-Light series include [Secrets of the Rainforest](#), [Secrets of the Seashore](#), [Secrets of the Vegetable Garden](#), [Wonders of Our World](#), and more.

For Earth Day projects and activity ideas, please visit the US Environment Protection Agency’s website, <https://www.epa.gov/earthday>.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



April 3-9 is National Library Week. The Highland Park Harvey R. "Bum" Bright Library (the "Library") staff actively provides and strengthens the facilitation of communication, discussion, deliberation, and community engagement; access to helpful and relevant collections for education and entertainment; opportunities for learning through high-quality programming; instruction on fundamental and emerging technology; and assistance finding reliable information and accurate answers from trusted resources. In addition to the Town's public library, HPISD's Armstrong Elementary, Boone Elementary, Bradfield Elementary, Hyer Elementary, University Park Elementary, McCulloch Intermediate and Highland Park Middle School, and the Highland Park High School libraries offer an environment conducive to reading and learning; creative expression; investigation and research; and enhancement of our children.

Libraries serve as their community's connection to lifelong learning and power imagination through creativity and discovery.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

It takes a special strength to be the voice of calm when lives are on the line. Every minute, every day, 9-1-1 professionals promise callers that they'll stay with them until help arrives; but when you are on the line with one of these hidden heroes, help is already there. **Thank you, HP Emergency Telecommunicators for all you do!** April 10-16 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Be sure to stop by and give a warm thank you to our unseen heroes!



HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Gravity Racers with the Perot Museum's Tech Truck - Design and test building block vehicles to see who can construct the fastest car! Will you be the speedy winner? This lab is designed for Grades 1 - 2. All materials provided. Please email lcollins@hplibrary.info to register. This event will take place on Saturday, April 2 at 2p.m. at the Highland Park Library.



Play Chess with the UTD Chess Team - Improve your chess skills with tips from the world-renowned UT-Dallas Chess Team. Play against your friends, Grandmasters, and International Masters! Even if you don't play chess, this is a chance to learn from some of the world's best! This event will take place on Saturday, April 23 at 2p.m. at the University Park Public Library.



Urban Gardening and the Farm-to-Table Philosophy - Culinary gardener and educator, Kate Olen, will share tips on how to turn even small backyard spaces into thriving gardens. Learn techniques that you can use in your own urban garden and how to achieve results that rival those of world-class restaurants. Discover the community-building benefits of farm-to-table and how this practice does more than just bring delicious food to your kitchen. Kate Olen is a Napa Valley transplant. Her experience includes working for a California Montessori school and five years as the culinary gardener for The French Laundry restaurant under chef Thomas Keller. This in-person presentation will take place on Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/urban-gardening-the-farm-to-table-philosophy-tickets-293448240587?aff=HPL>.



Mandala Stone Painting - The beauty of mandala painting goes beyond the mesmerizing colors and dots. Rooted in a rich history, mandala painting is also a meditative practice. Whether you are looking for a fun new craft or a way to enhance your meditation, this class will provide the tools and techniques to get you started. This class will take place on Saturday, April 30 at 11a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. All materials provided. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mandala-stone-painting-tickets-301666802527?aff=HPL>.



APRIL CALENDAR



All Month **Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.
Every Thursday at 10:00 AM: Baby Bounce story time, virtual, on the Friends of the Highland Park Library's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheHighlandParkLibrary>.
Every Thursday at 11:30 AM: Mindful Movement. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.
Every Thursday at 10:00 & 10:45 AM: Story Time at the Library, meets on the 2nd Floor in the Council Meeting Room

April 2, Saturday **Gravity Racers with the Perot Museum Tech Truck** - Library
2:00 p.m. Please email lcollins@hplibrary.info to register.

April 3 - 9 **National Library Week**

April 5, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**
8:00 a.m. Meeting & Study Session will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall. Masks and social distancing practices are highly encouraged.
<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

April 10 - 16 **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

April 9, Saturday **Urban Gardening and the Farm-to-Table Philosophy** - Library
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April 23, Saturday **Chess at the Library** - Library
2:00 p.m. This is a free event, and will be held at the UP Public Library.

April 29, Friday **Arbor Day Event**
More information to be announced.

April 30, Saturday **Mandala Stone Painting** - Library
11:00 a.m. Adults 18 and up. All materials provided. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mandala-stone-painting-tickets-301666802527?aff=HPL>.



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