

# 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](mailto:hrussell@hptx.org), or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



## Independence Day 2021

The Park Cities Rotary Club, City of University Park, and Town of Highland Park are once again hosting Independence Day celebrations. This year's theme is *United We Stand*; and is dedicated to all of the frontline municipal workers and healthcare providers who served the Park Cities during COVID-19 and the bad weather challenges of the past year.

The parade will be held on **Saturday, July 3**. Line up will take place at Highland Park Town Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. The parade will proceed at 9:00 a.m., lead by Grand Marshals **Laurie and Jim Hitzelberger**. The parade will end at Goar Park in University Park, where fun activities are planned. If you would like to follow up-to-date information, follow the "ParkCities4thofJulyParade" Facebook page.

**Highland Park Town Offices will be closed  
MONDAY, JULY 5  
in observance of independence Day.**

## New Library Hours

We hope to see you soon, day or evening, at the Highland Park Harvey R. "Bum" Bright Library! The HP Library is now open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The new weekly hours of operation are Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information on hours, services, and programs, please visit the Library website, <https://www.hptx.org/106/Library>.

## **Be WaterSmart**

The Town offers residents an online water use portal as part of its continued effort to provide the highest level of customer service and consumer awareness. With WaterSmart, Highland Park residents are able monitor their water consumption through a web browser.

You may choose to receive notifications via email, text, or voice message. These notifications include alerts to possible leaks, bill forecasting, and when your daily consumption surpasses a volume threshold set by you.

Hourly meter reading data will allow you to see how much water you use when you do common activities like showering, laundry, or watering your landscape. The billing tab of the WaterSmart Portal also provides a High Bill Explainer, customized to your current circumstances that can provide you further information.

Sign up for WaterSmart by contacting Customer Service at 214-521-4161.

Learn more about WaterSmart here: <https://www.hptx.org/830/WaterSmart>

Stay tuned for more watering tips and services next month. If you cannot wait for more exciting information, visit our website: [www.hptx.org/WaterConservation](http://www.hptx.org/WaterConservation).

## **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

The Town of Highland Park - Public Works Department is responsible for providing safe and reliable drinking water to all residents. Our Public Works Department maintains the distribution system that delivers treated water to your tap.

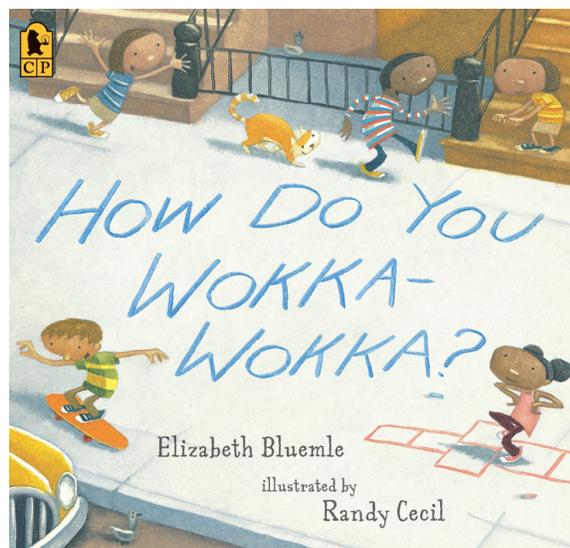
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) assessed our water system and determined that our drinking water meets or exceeds all State and Federal (EPA) drinking water regulations.

The *2020 Drinking Water Quality Report* is available to download from [www.hptx.org/waterqualityreport](http://www.hptx.org/waterqualityreport). A PDF reader, like Adobe Acrobat, will be needed to view this document.

## **How Do You Wokka-Wokka?**

Be on the lookout in July for when there is a new StoryWalk® book in Prather Park. Follow the story of How Do You Wokka-Wokka? by Elizabeth Bluemle page-by-page as you make your way through the park!

This project is a partnership between the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and the HP Library. Prather Park is located across Euclid Avenue from Town Hall at 4500 Drexel Avenue. StoryWalk® is a registered trademark of Anne Ferguson.



## Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

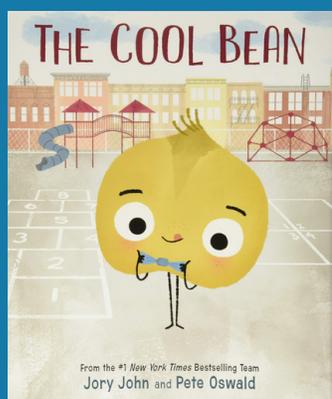
Access Mango Languages, with your Highland Park Library card and PIN, for an online language-learning experience that provides the tools and guidance you need to expand your language skills wherever and however you learn best. Some favorite features of Mango include:

- Over 70 foreign language courses
- Real-world conversations that won't leave you lost in translation
- Voice Comparison for matching your pronunciation with native-speaker audio
- Listening and Reading Activities for reinforcing learned material and building new skill
- Personalized Review System that adapts to your individual learning pathway
- Culture Notes for unique insights into different cultures

Visit the Library's Lifelong Learning webpage, <https://www.hptx.org/865/Lifelong-Learning>, to learn more about Mango Languages and other online resources available to library card holders. Download the free Mango app from the App Store (for Apple devices) or Play Store (for Android devices) today and learn on-the-go. Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident 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



For a cool picture book that appeals to all ages, try [The Cool Bean](#) by Jory John and Pete Oswald. The story's narrator thinks he will never be a cool bean. What he learns is that being kind is the coolest. Because small gestures can be everything; "it's about a wink or a nod or a smile at just the right moment." Bonus fun - see how many bean puns you can spot in the text, such as Ray-Bean sunglasses, Leguma Beach, beandages, and more. The team of John and Oswald have other picture books that are equally as humorous and poignant, including [The Bad Seed](#) and [The Good Egg](#).

Would you like additional reading recommendations? Visit the Library's website, <https://tx-highlandpark.civicplus.com/866/What-to-Read-Next>, to access online resources and video book talks or use the Library's Book Coach service, to receive personalized reading recommendations.

# The Parks Planter: Mike Rangel, Parks Superintendent

After the harsh freezing temperatures we experienced this past February, many trees may have been replaced with new plantings. To make sure your new trees get well established and become strong, healthy trees, a strict watering schedule needs to be followed. This will ensure that your young tree is getting the water it needs, and not too much of it, and that the roots receive the nutrients they need to expand and flourish below ground.

To know how much water your young planting will need this first year, there are a few things you need to know to answer that question.

1. What size is the tree?
2. What climate species is the tree?
3. What time of year is it?

With this basic information, you can easily figure out how much water to give your tree at each scheduled watering, and how many times a week you need to be giving your tree water.

Ask your local nursery or landscaper what size your new tree is. It may be determined by container size, such as 30 gallon or 72 inch box. The



Mike Rangel,  
HP Parks Superintendent

smaller the tree, the less water it will need. Over-watering can lead to poor plant performance. Leaves will yellow and fall off, and the tree will not look well. A tree that is a dry climate species will need less water than those that are moist climate species. If there has not been significant rain, both species will need to be watered about three times a week.

May was a very wet month with above average days of

rain. The ground should still be moist around new tree roots. Be sure to check the top 6 to 10 inches for moisture. This soil should be dry before you need to water again. If it is time to water, slowly soak the soil basin of dirt that the root system is buried in with a slow drip or soaker hose. You can even fill the dirt basin quickly with water, and then let it soak in completely before filling it again. Allowing time for the water to reach the roots will prevent run off and will allow the roots to get the amount of water they require.

Since our summers can be very dry, you may need to add another watering day into the schedule if the top 6 to 10 inches dries quickly. In the second and third years, watering can decrease; and after the third year, you should have a well established tree.

Tree Size	Dry Climate Species <i>amount of water, 2-3 days/week</i>	Moist Climate Species <i>amount of water, 3 days/week</i>
30 gallon	4 - 5 gallons	6 - 7 gallons
45 gallon	7 - 8 gallons	9 - 10 gallons
65 gallon	10 - 12 gallons	13 - 15 gallons
95 gallon	15 - 16 gallons	18 - 20 gallons
150 gallon	18 - 20 gallons	22 - 25 gallons
200 gallon	22 - 25 gallons	28 - 30 gallons
300 gallon	28 - 30 gallons	32 - 35 gallons
72 inch box	32 - 35 gallons	37 - 38 gallons
80 inch box	37 - 38 gallons	40 - 42 gallons
96 inch box	40 - 42 gallons	42 - 45 gallons

## Mosquito Control

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With the abundance of rain that has fallen recently, we encourage you to look for any standing water that may become a breeding ground for mosquitos: areas that have the potential to collect standing water or any features that prevent proper drainage of rainwater. If you find any standing water, please drain it as soon as possible. You can request a water additive from Utility Customer Service for any water collection areas such as flower pots and fountains. Call (214) 521-4161, or drop by during business hours Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We appreciate your assistance with minimizing ZIKA, West Nile Virus, and other diseases that are carried by mosquitos. For more information, please visit <https://www.hptx.org/303/Mosquito-Control-News-and-Information>.

## Don't Miss Out on Summer Fun

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There is Still Time to Register for Summer Reading!

**2021 Children's Summer Reading Club** - Register and participate online at [hptx.beanstack.org](http://hptx.beanstack.org). Programs are available for ages 0 - 5 and readers in 1st - 6th grades. Earn points, badges, and certificates by logging minutes read, activities completed, and virtual events attended. Youth may also pick up a print Summer Reading Log at the Library to keep track of their summer reading activities. Earn 150 points to receive a prize, and earn a total of 300 points to receive a prize and a certificate of completion. Participants who complete the program will choose a book to donate to **Children's Health**, the leading pediatric hospital in North Texas, dedicated exclusively to the comprehensive care of children from birth to age 18.

**2021 Teen Summer Reading Program** - Students in 7th - 12th grades may register and participate online at READSquared, <http://universityparkpubliclibrary.readsquared.com/>, then log their reading points. After logging points, readers will be entered to win gift cards from a local business. Readers who complete the program will be entered to win a grand prize! This program is a partnership between the University Park Public Library and the Highland Park Library.

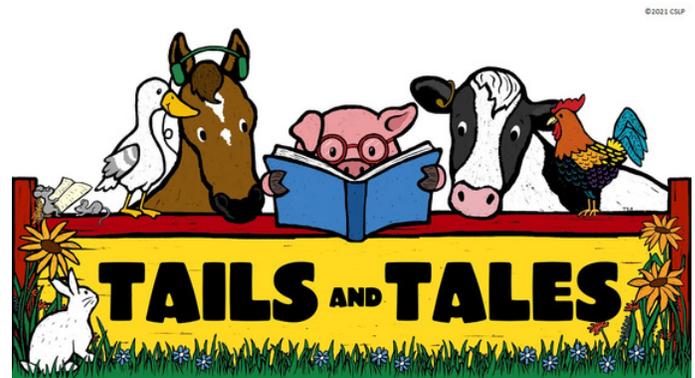
Thank you to **Christine McKenny of Allie Beth Allman & Associates** for sponsoring summer reading. Thank you to the **Friends of the Highland Park Library** for funding the Sharing Literacy book donation program.

**Be sure to see this month's Town Calendar of Events for all the fun activities at the HP Library for the summer.**

## Water Aerobics at the Pool

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Now is a great time to get your pool permit if you have not done so already. You can purchase one online at [hptx.org/recreation](http://hptx.org/recreation). The HP Swimming Pool is hosting a water aerobics class, lead by a YMCA Instructor, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., during the Regular Swim Season. No registration required. You will need a Pool Permit or Resident Day Pass to enter the Pool. Both may be purchased online, as well as a Guest pass if you would like to bring a friend or two along with you.



# JULY CALENDAR



**Every Month** **Every Thursday at 10 AM:** Baby Bounce Story Time, Library - Watch live on the Friends of the Highland Park Library Facebook Page

**Every Friday at 9:30 AM:** Story Time in Prather Park, Library (weather permitting)

**July 3, Saturday** **Park Cities Independence Day Parade**

**9:00 a.m.**

The parade will start at Highland Park Town Hall at 9 a.m. and ends in Goar Park. This year's parade theme is United We Stand, and the event is dedicated to frontline City and Town staff members, and all area healthcare providers who tirelessly served the Park Cities during February's winter storm and COVID-19.

**July 05, Monday** **Town Offices closed in observance of Independence Day.**

Please call the DPS non-emergency line for assistance, (214) 521-5000.

**July 06, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**

**8:00 a.m.**

Link to watch live stream is available on Town website <https://www.hptx.org/914/Public-Meetings-During-COVID-19-Pandemic>

**July 14, Wednesday** **Ice Cold Science** - Library

**3:00-4:00 p.m.**

Escape the summer heat with some cool science! Learn about heat, cold, and thermodynamics as we make ice cream in a bag in this online presentation from the Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History. Email [lcollins@hplibrary.info](mailto:lcollins@hplibrary.info) to register for the online presentation.

**July 20, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**

**8:00 a.m.**

Link to watch live stream is available on Town website <https://www.hptx.org/914/Public-Meetings-During-COVID-19-Pandemic>

**July 21, Wednesday** **Virtual Crafternoon: Snake Knitting** - Library

**3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Join Miss Zoe and Miss Laura for a Virtual Crafternoon. Use your imagination to craft cardboard tube knitted snakes in this live, hands-on Zoom workshop. Register at [lcollins@hplibrary.info](mailto:lcollins@hplibrary.info) for the program link and to reserve your supplies before the program time.

**July 28, Wednesday** **The Ravenmaster of the Tower of London** - Library

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Chris Skaife, Ravenmaster & Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London, will share the folklore, history, and superstitions surrounding both the Tower ravens and their home, as well as what it's like to care for the most important birds in England. Email [hplibrary@hplibrary.info](mailto:hplibrary@hplibrary.info) to register and receive the link.



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