

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 hussell@hptx.org, or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



HP Pool Schedule Changes

Early August wraps up the Regular Swim Season schedule at the HP Swimming Pool on Sunday, August 15. Beginning Tuesday, August 17, through Sunday, September 26, the pool will be open the following hours:

- **Lap Swim** - Tuesdays through Sundays, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **Open Swim** - Saturdays and Sundays only, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lap Swim will then have an extended schedule beginning Tuesday, September 28. The pool will be open Tuesday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., until October 31. The pool will be open as long as the outside temperature is above 55°F, and the water temperature is above 78°F.

If you are wanting to participate in Water Aerobics, don't miss out on the few remaining classes! Water Aerobics is held each Tuesday and Thursday mornings, at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 12, will be the final class for the 2021 swim season.

Residents of the Town of Highland Park are allowed to enter and use the Highland Park Swimming Pool. A guest of a resident is permitted to enter with a pre-purchased guest pass, and is also accompanied by the resident. Residents may purchase Guest Passes online only, at hptx.org/recreation.

Be sure to follow the Town's Twitter page at twitter.com/HP_Texas for updates, announcements and other important information. For more detailed information about the HP Swimming Pool and services, please visit the Town's website, <https://www.hptx.org/256/Swimming-Pool>.

Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

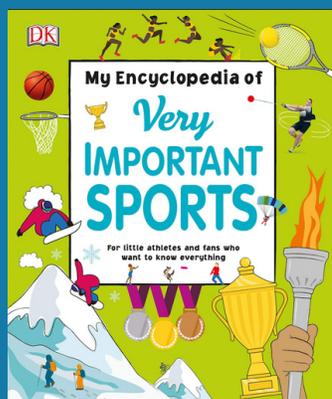
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Visit the Library's Lifelong Learning webpage, <https://www.hptx.org/170/eBooks-More>, to learn more about other online resources available to library card holders. Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of 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.



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>.



HP Library: What to Read Next

If you enjoyed watching and cheering the games of the Summer Olympics, why not learn more about sports facts and figures, as well as inspiring stories of sporting legends and icons. My Encyclopedia of Very Important Sports: For Little Athletes and Fans Who Want to Know Everything, by Chris Hawkes, covers popular sports such as football, karate, badminton, and skiing, plus ones you might never have heard of like cheese rolling. From extreme sports to board games, this title has something for all ages and interests.

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.

Story Time in the Park

Families are invited to bring a blanket and join Miss Laura for Story Time in the Park every Friday at 9:30 a.m. Read stories, sing, and follow along with Miss Laura in Prather Park, located at the corner of Euclid and Drexel. This story time is designed for all ages. In the event of inclement weather, story time will be canceled and resume the following week.

Keeping it Reel

Join the Friends of the SMU Libraries and the Highland Park Library on Thursday, August 19 at 6 p.m. for a virtual tour of the G. William Jones Film & Video Collection vault, located in the Hamon Arts Library at SMU, and a Q&A with curators, Jeremy Spracklen and Scott Martin. This online event will use GoToMeeting. Email rcross@hplibrary.info to register. No library card required. Founded in 1970 with a gift of twenty-one 35mm feature films acquired from actress Ginger Rogers, the G. William Jones Film and Video Collection is now an extensive research archive that supports instruction and research for the Meadows School, SMU Libraries, and the global moving image preservation and research community. Its holdings total more than 50,000 items, including film prints and negatives in all formats, videotapes, print materials, antique camera equipment, TV news film (including WFAA and KRLD) from the 1950s through the 1970s, and much more.

Tee Time in the Library

It's a birdie! It's one under par! It's Tee Time in the Library! Drop by the Library Friday, August 27, and Saturday, August 28, to play a few holes of putt-putt inside the Library. See how books, bookends, and more can be transformed into mini-golf obstacles. All ages are welcome to participate.

What's All the Hoopla?

Adults, learn about downloading and streaming movies, TV series, music, eBooks and more with hoopla, a digital media service brought to you by the Highland Park Library. The best part: there are no waiting periods and titles return automatically. This class will introduce you to hoopla, help you create an account, and get you started watching, listening, or reading. Please bring your device (phone, tablet, or laptop) and library card!

Please email rcross@hplibrary.info to register for the class.



The Parks Planter: Preventing Tree Damage

When caring for your landscape, it is wise to be aware of the many pests and other agents of deterioration that might effect your trees and plants. One harmful pest that is not often remembered is the human.

We often are the largest cause of tree deterioration over natural causes. We over-water, under-water, prune too much, plant in too sunny of an area, plant in places that don't receive enough sunlight, or we just don't think about how our landscape machinery can cause damage to exposed roots while we mow our lawns. Not using lawn care equipment properly can cause light to severe damage to our trees, so it is important to know how to prevent such injuries from occurring.

Bark is the tree's outer defense to all things harmful. It can be thick like armor on a large mature tree; or as thin as 1/16 of an inch on a maple or birch, and offer very little protection against saws and other blades. Young trees will be more susceptible to damage because their bark is still developing. No matter the tree, when damage is done it is irreversible.



*Mike Rangel,
HP Parks Superintendent*

When a tree is wounded from mechanical damage, it now must spend years to heal, which requires more nutrients and energy than it would if it had not been damaged. This does not matter if it is gash, a cut limb, or girdling - damage that completely circles around the trunk.



In addition, the soft inner tissue of the tree where water and nutrients are carried up to the many branches, blooms, and leaves, is now open to invasion by pests and fungus. If this happens, the tree may become seriously diseased and die.

To prevent mechanical damage from occurring,

- Do not tie any straps to the tree or limbs that will not soon be removed.
- Remove any turf and weeds that are at the base of the tree.
- Spray herbicides to the base and around the tree to help prevent growth of other vegetation the tree competes with for nutrients.
- Add a mulch ring around the base of the tree after the turf has been removed. 2-3" inches thick is ideal. This will also serve as a visual barrier.
- For smaller or younger trees, you can add a trunk guard. Be sure to remove it when the trunk has grown too large.

For more information:

- Steve House, *Whack the Weeds- Not the Trees*, <https://neilsperry.com/2013/06/texas-tree-tips-3/>
- Purdue Extension, *Mechanical Damage to Trees: Mowing & Maintenance Equipment*, <https://www.extension.purdue.edu › fnr-492-w>

Image used from Purdue Extension article.

Let's Talk Irrigation - Tempest Bruson, Public Works Project Coordinator

Did you know, the most impact a resident will have in reducing consumption is through outdoor usage? Almost 50% of landscape water is lost due to evaporation or runoff caused by over-watering. When a yard is watered too much, these annoying effects can happen:

- Roots do not grow deep into the soil.
- Watering too much at once can cause water to runoff into the street where it isn't needed.
- Creating a moist, shady environment encourages mosquitoes to nest there.

Important Supportive Equipment that is a Part of Your Irrigation System

As of August 2012, when an irrigation system is installed or substantially rebuilt on a property, the Town's Building Inspection Department requires the system to include rain and freeze sensors. Rain sensors, or soil moisture sensors, help prevent waste by ensuring that the irrigation system does not turn on during or immediately after rainfall, or when soil moisture levels are above pre-programmed levels. Freeze Sensors prevent the irrigation system from running during freezing temperatures and creating dangerous walkways and sidewalks, as well as injure plant material.

It's always a good idea to ask your landscaping company to check your irrigation system for signs of poor maintenance annually. You could be losing water and be unaware of the problem.

Learning the Cycle & Soak Method of Watering your Lawn

Running irrigation zones for 15 to 20 minutes each is too much water for the soil to absorb. Instead, the water runs off the yard into the storm drains. The best way to ensure that your landscaping is getting watered properly is to use the Cycle & Soak Method. Instead of running each zone for too many minutes at a time, try breaking the run time into shorter cycles. This gives North Texas' clay soil time to absorb water into the root system and will be ready to absorb more during the next short cycle. Use the link to watch a video and learn more about the Cycle & Soak Method: <https://youtu.be/Vmr9YbHTjL0>

Check out the Town's website for more water conservation information:

www.hptx.org/WaterConservation

Keep the Easement Clean, Please

The Town Engineering Department would like to remind all residents about their continued responsibility to maintain their property within the easement. Maintenance includes keeping this area clear of debris/trash and mowing. This continued effort will help facilitate the conveyance of storm water through the easement to the street.

AUGUST 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

All month **Teen Take-and-Make: Origami Lucky Stars** - Library
Teens can reserve a craft kit to pick up at the HP Library by emailing lcollins@hplibrary.info.

August 3, Tues. **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>

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August 21, Sat. **Balloon Twisting Workshop** - Library
2:00 p.m. This program will be held at the Library. Limited to 20 participants. Register by emailing lcollins@hplibrary.info.

August 25, Sat. **Getting Started with hoopla** - Library
11:00 a.m. Learn about downloading and streaming movies, TV series, music, eBooks and more with hoopla, a digital media service brought to you by the Highland Park Library. Email rcross@hplibrary.info to register for the class.

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