

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.



In All Things, Give Thanks

November is the month in which we make a concerted effort to be mindful of the many blessings, opportunities, adventures, friendships, comforts, and bountiful harvests that we have received. Part of those activities of gratitude is to remember the many veterans that serve and have served in our nation's armed forces.

The Town of Highland Park has 22 employees that are Veterans, and two that are currently still on active duty. We invite you to take a moment to thank them and any other Veterans you may know for their years of service to our County. We also want to recognize their families for their dedication and the sacrifices they have made while their loved ones were deployed.

In showing our gratitude for the bountiful blessings we receive, let us take the time to remember what we can do to share good fortune with others as well. HPCAN is still hosting their Annual Canned Food Drive until November 13. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at Town Hall or in the HPDPS Lobby. This year's collection will benefit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. The toy collection for Toys for Tots will begin soon after on November 17, and conclude December 12. New, unwrapped toys can be brought to Town Hall and the HPDPS lobby. There will also be a special collection site at the Annual Pecan Tree Lighting, to be held on Thursday, December 2.

We are so thankful to have such wonderful, giving residents in the Town of Highland Park. And for that, we thank you!

Special Events Coming Soon

Park Cities Recycling Event

Saturday, November 6, is the Park Cities Recycling Event at 3001 University Blvd. Residents may bring documents for shredding, electronics for recycling, and gently used items for donation to the Salvation Army. Entry to the event will be 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. No need to leave your car. Workers will remove any items you bring. For questions or more information, please contact Holly Russell, Management Assistant, at hrussell@hptx.org or (214) 559-9308.

Annual Pecan Tree Lighting

Mark your calendars to be at the Landmark Pecan Tree on Thursday evening, December 2! The Town will start the holiday season with many fun activities and treats. Then countdown with Mayor Goodwin and her special guest as they light the tree full of holiday cheer. The event is scheduled for 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., with the lighting ceremony beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Toys for Tots 2021

HP CAN is supporting the Marines' annual "Toys for Tots" toy drive by collecting unwrapped, new toys for children of all ages from

November 17 to December 12

Donations boxes will be located in the main hallway of Town Hall and in the DPS lobby. There will also be a collection at the Annual Pecan Tree Lighting.



The Parks Planter

Mike Rangel, Parks Superintendent



Preparing Plants for Winter Temperatures

As we enter the winter months, it isn't easy to forget Winter Storm Uri from February and the devastation it had on our plants and trees. Many landscapes are still recovering from the damage, and much had to be replaced. Taking the right steps now to prepare for the colder temperatures can help your plants through the winter months.

Before the temperatures drop too low, make sure your plants are getting adequate watering. Watering will help strengthen the roots, and actually help maintain soil temperature. Keeping a good soil temperature will prevent root desiccation. If you are changing out the mulch in flower beds and around trees, be sure to lay a good 3-4 inches. Think of this layer as a natural blanket for the soil, as well as a way to retain moisture and maintain temperature.

While a good moisture level is ideal for winter survival, be sure not to over-water. If much of the water is running off the yard, then the ground cannot absorb it fast enough or is over-saturated. The soil should feel moist when you dig down at least three inches. When the night time temperatures reach near freezing, it is a good time to turn off your irrigation system.



Turning off the system before we reach freezing temperatures will ensure that the ground cover does create a hazardous, icy surface, and it will ensure that you do not harm your plants.

Don't forget to take care of any plants you have in containers. While covering them will help hold a 6-8 degree difference, it may not be enough to prevent damage if the temperatures outside are quite low. Nor will a frost blanket save any tropical trees that cannot survive 15 degree temperatures. It is always best to bring container gardens and plants indoors, if at all possible. If you need to leave them outside, try to protect them from any direct wind, especially if it is from the north. A good tip for bringing your plants indoors is to first check the bottoms of the containers for pests. If you see any, you can submerge the bottom in water overnight to eliminate them.

As always, be sure to talk to your landscape professional or a certified horticulturalist if you have any questions. Preparations will take time, but will be worth the effort when springtime has arrived.

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Guess Who? in the Library. In November, test your knowledge of famous characters from children's books with a picture game of Guess Who. Be sure to check out a title or two as a way to celebrate Fall Children's Book Week, November 8 – 14. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Children's Book Week has two dedicated weeks of celebration in 2021, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Gnome for the Holidays: Celebrate the holidays with a cozy To-Go Gnome Craft Kit, available for pick up at the Highland Park Library. Email collins@hplibrary.info to reserve a kit in advance. Kits contain all the supplies you need to build your own adorable gnome!

Design Lab: Explore and create mini-figures in this in-person workshop on Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Design your own unique characters and take them through three STEAM challenges, including a boat building challenge! This lab is designed for school aged children, six and up. Please email collins@hplibrary.info to register. Limited to 20 participants.

Gift Wrapping Workshop: Teens, join us for a Gift Wrapping Workshop on Tuesday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the University Park Public Library, 8383 Preston Center Plaza, Suite 200. Create beautiful bows and learn gift wrapping techniques just in time for the holiday season. Bring an item you'd like to wrap and take care of it during class! To register for this in person workshop, please email info@uptexas.org. This program is co-hosted by the University Park Public Library and the Highland Park Library.

Bookbinding for Beginners Workshop: On Saturday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m., adults can learn the basics of bookbinding in this hands-on workshop. Review the essential terminology, understand how different tools are used, and learn about beginner-friendly stitches to create your own book or journal. Materials provided. Registration required. Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bookbinding-for-beginners-tickets-190696186427?aff=HPL> to register. Seating is limited.

For more information about these and any other Library programs, please call (214) 559-9400 or email hplibrary@hplibrary.info.



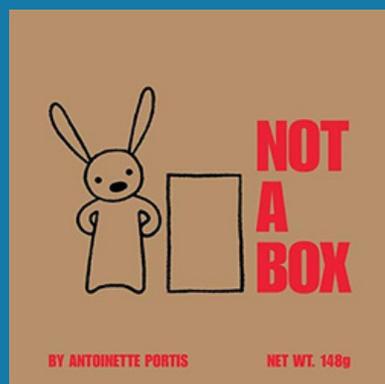
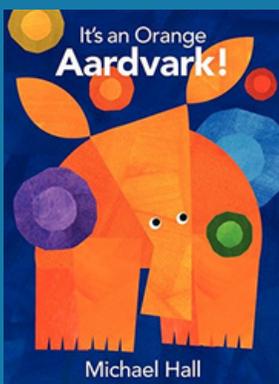
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Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit <https://tx-highlandpark.civicplus.com/145/Library-Cards> or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

HP Library: What to Read Next



Discover imagination and creativity, with these two read-aloud titles. Is it a racecar, a mountaintop, or a pirate ship? Well one thing is for sure, as author Antoinette Portis explains, it is definitely Not a Box. Explore colors and sequencing as carpenter ants describe their greatest fear in Michael Hall's hilarious book, It's an Orange Aardvark! Goodness! Gracious! Yikes!

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, <https://www.hptx.org/FormCenter/Library-3/Book-Coach-112>, to receive personalized reading recommendations.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



All Month Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM: Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the HPDPS Training Room, Third Floor and also via Zoom.

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

Every Thursday at 11:30 AM: Mindful Movement. Class meets in the HPDPS Training Room, Third Floor and also via Zoom.

Every Friday at 9:30 AM: Story Time in Prather Park, Library

November 2, 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>

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November 9, Tuesday Town Hall 101 Graduation

5:00 p.m. Participants in the Town Hall 101 program will celebrate their success!

November 9, Tuesday Teen Gift Wrapping Workshop - Library

6:30-7:30 p.m. Gift wrap professional Suzanne Roberts will present helpful tips for beautiful gift wrapping. To register for this in person workshop, please info@uptexas.org. Program will be held at the UPPL.

November 13, Saturday Final Day to drop off food donations for the HPCAN Food Drive.

November 13, Saturday Bookbinding for Beginners - Library

11:00 a.m. This one-hour workshop will introduce you to the basics of bookbinding. Create your own book or journal. Materials provided. Registration required, please email hplibrary@hplibrary.info.

November 17, Wednesday HPCAN Toy Drive for Toys for Tots Begins.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at Town Hall or in the HPDPS Lobby, and at the Annual Pecan Tree Holiday Lighting event.

November 25-26 Town Offices closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The HP Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and will reopen on Friday.



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