

# 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:h russell@hptx.org), or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



## Independence Day Activities

The Park Cities Rotary Club Independence Day Parade will be on July 4 this year. Since 2016, the beneficiary of the 4th of July Parade has been the North Texas Food Bank. Together with the matching partners of the North Texas Food Bank, the PCRC has raised over 731,400 meals to benefit North Texans in need. For the 2022 parade, the PCRC has a goal of reaching 1,000,000 meals.

If you would like to donate or get more information about the parade, please visit their webpage at <https://www.parkcitiesrotary.org/sitepage/4th-of-july-parade>. You can also stay up-to-date on news about the parade on the website, or following their social media page at

<https://www.facebook.com/parkcitiesrotaryparade/>.

You can also email parade organizers at [parkcitiesparade@gmail.com](mailto:parkcitiesparade@gmail.com) to register to participate in the parade.

The route will be the usual start at the Highland Park Town Hall, 4700 Drexel Drive; and will make its way up Preston Road to University Boulevard to end at Goar Park in University Park. The City of UP will be hosting its annual event in Goar Park for the community to enjoy!

## **Is Your Sprinkler Running?**

The greatest impact a resident will have in reducing consumption is through their irrigation systems. Almost 50% of landscape water is lost due to evaporation or runoff caused by over-watering.

When an irrigation system is installed or substantially rebuilt on a property in Highland Park, the Town's Building Inspection Department requires the system to include rain and freeze sensors.

- Rain sensors, or soil moisture sensors, help prevent wasted water 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 creating dangerous walkways and sidewalks, as well as injuring plant material.

Ask your landscaper to inspect your irrigation system annually. You could be losing water and be unaware of the problem.

Stay tuned for next month's watering tidbit or check out the Town's website for more water conservation information: [www.hptx.org/WaterConservation](http://www.hptx.org/WaterConservation), including the WaterSmart and WaterMyYard programs.

## **Make a Splash with Summer Reading**

Through July 30, children and teens can register and participate in Summer Reading. Children from birth to 6th grade can register at <https://hptx.beanstack.org> and earn points, badges, and certificates by logging minutes read, activities completed, and events attended. Readers may also pick up a print Summer Reading log at the Library to keep track of summer reading activities. Participants earn prizes along the way.

Readers who complete the program choose a book to donate in their name to Camp Sweeney. Led by the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, Camp Sweeney provides medical training, recreational experience, and comprehensive, rehabilitative care to children and youth with diabetes. Camp Sweeney is regarded as one of the largest, most effective diabetes educational facilities in the world.

Youth in 7th through 12th grade can register for Summer Reading at <http://universityparkpubliclibrary.readsquared.com/>. Participants who log their reading points 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.

# HP Department of Public Safety

## A Few Things to Remember



### Requesting a Vacation House Watch

The HPDPS has updated the Vacation House Watch system, making it easier and more efficient for residents to request a vacation house watch. Now you can request a Vacation House Watch from the same website that stores the Blue Zone News posts.

### To request a Vacation House Watch:

1. Go to [www.hpcrimewatch.org](http://www.hpcrimewatch.org).
2. If you receive the Blue Zone News, you already have a login and password. Click on "Login" under RESIDENTS (left side of the page). If you do not remember your password, click on "Click here to create or reset our login password," located at the top of the page.
3. If you do not receive the Blue Zone News, register under RESIDENTS and "click here to Register." Wait to receive an email approving your registration before requesting a vacation house watch.
4. Click on the house icon to go directly to the Vacation House Watch registration form. You can also get to this page by clicking "login." This form should pre-fill your basic information, so you only need to update information regarding your vacation. You will receive a verification email once your request has been reviewed.

The HPDPS will do their best to conduct the vacation house watches daily, but we cannot guarantee that the call load will always allow this to occur.

## Special Events at the Pool

### Water Aerobics

May 27 - Aug 11  
10:00 - 11:00 am  
Tuesdays & Thursdays

### Holiday Cook out

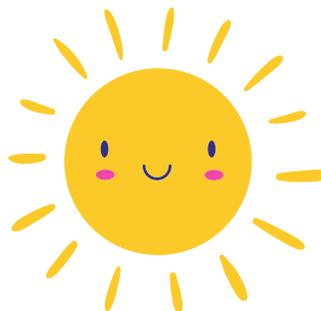
Sat., Sept. 3 - Labor Day  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm or until the  
burgers & hot dogs run out!

### Holiday Hours

**Independence Day**  
*No Lap Swim due  
to the Parade*  
Open Swim 10 am - 8 pm

### Baby Splash Story Time

June 23 and July 28  
10:00 - 11:00 am  
Please register with the HP Library  
for this event. (214) 559-9400.



**Labor Day**  
Lap Swim 7 - 10 am  
Open Swim 10 am - 8 pm

**HP Swimming Pool**  
3801 Lexington Ave  
(214) 559- 7006



# Summer Family Fun Programs

**Blackland Prairie Raptor Center** - On **Friday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.** in Prather Park, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center will provide a live presentation introducing children to the world of raptors. These hawks, owls and falcons are well-trained and an important part of our environment. Discover their roles in the food chain, adaptations to hunt in woodland, wetlands, and prairies, and watch as they demonstrate their unique capabilities. No registration required. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be canceled.



**Professor Pop's Bubble Show and Mr. Mural's Kids Zone** - On **Friday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in Prather Park, Professor Pop will present a whole show full of bubble tricks. There will be bubbles inside bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles, bubble-themed magic tricks, and more! Express your creativity in Mr. Mural's Kids Zone immediately after the Bubble Show. Let's make some art in the park! No registration required. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.



Be sure to visit the Library this summer to see original artwork from Mr. Mural as part of the special Sea Voyage transformation for the Children's Room.

**Become a Self-Published Author, Workshop for Teens** - Are you an inspiring writer? Do you want to know more about the publishing process, and how to become a self-published author? Join local author Jeanne Skartsaris, on **Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m.**, as she shares her experiences of writing and publishing her own book, *Dance Like You Mean It*, at the University Park Public Library. Bring any questions and writing ideas you may have! For ages 12 and up. Registration is not required. The UPPL is located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza, Suite 200. Teen Summer Reading is a partnership between the UPPL and the HP Library.



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Be transported to an underwater world in the Library's Children's Room, as the area is transformed for a limited time this summer.

Discover oceans of possibilities through imagination, exploration, and play. Visitors can participate in a nautical themed scavenger hunt for a special prize from the Library's treasure chest.

Have new adventures on the high seas while finding a bounty of books, audiobooks, kits, and learning activities for all ages. Be sure to visit before the voyage ends...

The Library is open Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Sea Voyage experience is generously funded by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation. The project features original artwork by @michaelmcpheeters aka Mr. Mural.

For more information about Summer Reading activities and programs, please visit the Children's Summer Reading, <https://www.hptx.org/917/Summer-Reading-Club>, and Teen Summer Reading, <https://www.hptx.org/878/Teen-Summer-Reading>, webpages.



## Language Learning at Your Fingertips

Need to learn a new language for that summer vacation? Have you always wanted to learn a new language? Choose from over 70, plus a variety of English courses, through Mango Languages and the HP Library. Learn on the go or offline, on desktop, or mobile – with your library card number and PIN. Visit <https://www.hptx.org/865/Lifelong-Learning> to access Mango Languages. Features of the resource include:

- Voice Comparison for matching your pronunciation with native-speaker audio
- Listening & Reading Activities for reinforcing learned material and building new skills
- Personalized Review System that adapts to your individual learning pathway
- Culture Notes for unique insights into different cultures

Funding for this resource is generously provided by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation.



**Need a library card?** There is no charge for a library card if you are an employee of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/145/Library-Cards>, or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.



## What To Read Next

Discover and learn about ocean life in the pages of The Big Book of Blue by Yuval Zommer. This oversized picture book appeals to all ages and covers everything from flying fish, sea snakes, tide pools, and seahorses to pufferfish. Did you know?: “A sea turtle has see-through eye lids that it uses like a pair of goggles to see underwater.” The title includes an added hide-and-seek aspect by hiding an illustrated sardine in certain pages for readers to spot. Have fun exploring with this engaging title.

For more titles like this one, be sure to browse the Library’s special June display. The Library is open Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



## HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

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**Pickleball, Game On!** - The Parks Department and Library have teamed up to offer pickleball equipment sets for check out. Each of the four sets includes: a portable net with support poles, four paddles, four pickleballs, a laminated instructions guide, and a boundary marker for use if not playing on a pickleball court. All of the components are checked out in an athletic bag. Use your HP library card to reserve a set and enjoy a fun day on the court.



**StoryWalk®** - The Parks Department and Library are happy to bring new StoryWalks back for the summer. Read a story, page by page, while strolling through Prather Park. June's title is Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef by Marianne Berkes. Keep a look out for a new book in July, too. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



**The Dinosaur Company Animatronics: Virtual Factory Tour** - The Dinosaur Company (Billings Productions, Inc.) unites science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics to create life-size animatronic creatures. Take a behind-the-scenes look at this facility and become inspired to get into the STEAM field. This educational tour is great for older kids to stimulate their interest or for adults who want to reignite the sparks of inspiration. This is an online tour via Zoom on **Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m.** The meeting link will be sent out prior to the start of the event. FREE, no library card required. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-dinosaur-company-animatronics-virtual-factory-tour-registration-330938735667?aff=HPL>.



**Deep Dive into the U.S. Census** - The U.S. Census, although not perfect, is one of our most complete family history tools. Are you using it to its potential? Discover what's new with the release of the 1950 Census records. Go beyond the basics with some advanced tips to help you differentiate people with common names, identify where your relatives lived, and much more. Jim Thornhill, lead genealogist at Heroes of the Past, will share his favorite strategies, gained over more than 15 years of experience solving tricky research problems. This lecture will take place on **Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deep-dive-into-the-us-census-registration-330207107347?aff=HPL>.



# JUNE CALENDAR



**All Month** **Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.  
**Every Thursday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Movement. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.  
**Every Friday at 10:00 & 10:45 AM:** Story Time at the Library, meets on the 2nd Floor in the Council Meeting Room unless stated otherwise for a special event.

**June 3, Friday** **Blackland Prairie Raptor Center** - Library  
**10:00 a.m.** No registration required. This event will be held in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be canceled.

**June 4, Saturday** **Deep Dive Into the US Census** - Library  
**11:00 a.m.** Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deep-dive-into-the-us-census-registration-330207107347?aff=HPL>.

**June 7, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**  
**8:00 a.m.** Meeting & Study Session will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall, Second Floor.  
<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

**June 17, Friday** **Professor Pop's Bubble Show and Mr. Mural's Kids Zone** - Library  
**10:00 a.m.** No registration required. This event will be held in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be canceled.

**June 14, Tuesday** **Become a Self-Published Author, Workshop for Teens** - Library  
**6:00 p.m.** For ages 12 and up. Registration is not required. The UPPL is located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza, Suite 200.

**June 18, Saturday** **The Dinosaur Company Animatronics: Virtual Factory Tour** - Library  
**11:00 a.m.** This is an online tour via Zoom, Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-dinosaur-company-animatronics-virtual-factory-tour-registration-330938735667?aff=HPL>.

**June 21, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**  
**8:00 a.m.** Meeting & Study Session will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall, Second Floor.  
<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

**June 23, Thursday** **Baby Story Time, SPLASH EDITION!** - Library/HP Pool  
**10:00 a.m.** Advance registration required. Please email [collins@hplibrary.info](mailto:collins@hplibrary.info) to register. This event will be at the HP Pool. Limited to 20 participants. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be canceled.



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