

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.



Notice of Public Hearings

The Town Council of the Town of Highland Park will conduct a final public hearing at 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, for the purpose of discussing the proposed combined operating and capital budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The meeting will be held at 4700 Drexel Drive, Highland Park, TX 75205. Any person may attend and may participate in these hearings.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,555,362 (10.1%), and of that amount \$279,190 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

A copy of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Combined Budget was filed with the Town Secretary on July 29, 2022 and is available for inspection. The proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Combined Budget is also available for inspection on the Town's website at <https://www.hptx.org/218/Annual-Budget>.

HP Department of Public Safety

A Few Things to Remember



Scam Alert

Individuals are portraying themselves as tree trimmers and informing residents that they need to trim trees in their easements, which may cause some branches to fall in their backyard. While they walk to the backyard with the resident to show the specific area, another individual enters the home and steals valuables. When the Town or Oncor contracts tree trimmers, notices are provided to the residents 24-48 hours before they begin. Very rarely do Town employees or utility workers need access to your backyard for emergency repairs, but if they do, they will always have a picture ID card indicating the company they work for. If you are unsure, you can call the DPS non-emergency assistance line at (214) 521-5000.

Bicycle Safety Reminder

The DPS has been informed that many children are riding their bicycles at high speeds, not stopping at stop signs, and not wearing helmets. For everyone's safety, please remember that cyclists must stop at STOP signs and adhere to traffic control signals, and it is highly recommended that cyclists wear helmets. If a bicycle is ridden on the sidewalk, the cyclist must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and ride at a reasonable and prudent speed under the existing conditions. It is against Town Ordinance to ride an electric bicycle on any sidewalk.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 | 8:45 A.M. | SMU FLAG POLE

21ST ANNIVERSARY

9/11 CEREMONY



Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Monday, September 5, is Labor Day and there will be no trash collection. The revised collection schedule is as follows:

- Monday Monday regular collection will be picked up on Tuesday
- Tuesday Tuesday regular collection will be picked up on Wednesday
- Wednesday Normal Schedule: regular collection
- Thursday Normal Schedule: regular collection
- Friday Normal Schedule: regular collection

Town Hall offices and the HP Library will also be closed for the holiday on Monday, September 5. Should you need assistance, you can call the DPS non-emergency line at (214) 521-5000 any time of day. The Department of Public Safety will still be operational. Please call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

Temporary "No Parking" for work zone

The Town's Public Works Department began center-line road maintenance in the 4500 block of Beverly Drive in late August. The roadwork is part of a larger four-block project that will include the 4400, 4300, and 4200 blocks of Beverly Drive. A complete closure of the roadway in the work zone will not be necessary; however, a temporary on-street parking restriction will be in place in the work zone as follows:

- Monday – Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on-street parking will not be permitted in the work zone. "No Parking" signs will be placed in the parkway as a reminder of the location of the work zone.

"No Parking" signs have already been placed in the parkway of 4500 block of Beverly Drive. Residents living within the work zone will have access to their homes during work zone hours. East and west bound traffic may use the roadway in the work zone, and we ask motorists to be mindful of Town staff working in the area. Public Works will move the roadwork in a west to east direction. Upon the completion of the 4500 block of Beverly, the road maintenance – and "No Parking" signs - will shift to the 4400 block of Beverly Drive and so on. Weather permitting, the roadwork will be completed by the end of September.

So Much More Than Books

Pickleball, Game on! – Want to learn how to play pickleball? 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.

Augmented Reality - Merge Cubes, which are specialized cubes that use a form of augmented reality to allow users to manipulate the real world with the digital. Users can explore a galaxy in the palm of their hand, hold fossils and ancient artifacts, explore a DNA molecule, hold and share their own 3D creations, and more. The cubes rely on corresponding free Merge EDU apps, available for Apple and Android devices, and are great for kids ages 5+. Kits include a Merge Cube and laminated user guide, packaged in a convenient tote. *Funding for the Merge Cube Kits provided by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation.*

Ukuleles, find your song! - Musical instruments...the Library has those, too. Check out a ukulele, tuner, and how to play book all in one bag. Plus, you can choose from a variety of vibrant colors for the instrument.

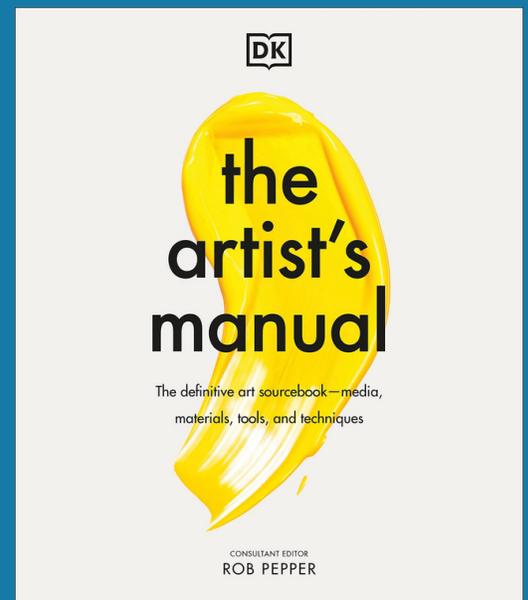
Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are an employee of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/145/Library-Cards>, or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

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What To Read Next

Get your imagination soaring and singing with [The Artist's Manual](#). This title has everything you need to enjoy your craft to the fullest and to take your creativity to the next level. Drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, 3D printing, and more are introduced and explored through professional tips. There is even a section on book art, which includes book sculpture and altering books as mixed-media art pieces. Imagine what you could create!

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.



SEPTEMBER IS Library Card Sign-Up Month



Let your imagination
sing at the library



CARA MENTZEL & IDINA MENZEL
Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chairs



OverDrive



Libraries transform lives through education by continually adapting and expanding services, which can extend far beyond the four walls of a building, to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the Highland Park Harvey R. "Bum" Bright Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to inform parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel, have been named honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month. As honorary chairs, Idina and Cara will remind everyone that one of the best places to find your voice and let your imagination sing is at the library.

Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, offering a variety of programs to spark creativity and stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Through access to technology, media resources, and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice. Libraries provide vibrant opportunities for patrons to interact with others, grow, and exchange ideas.

The Highland Park Library serves as the community's connection to lifelong learning by powering imagination through creativity and discovery.

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Events at the Harvey R. "Bum" Bright Library

Craft & Chat - Join us for an hour of conversation and crafting at the library. Bring a project from home or work on one of the crafts provided, such as watercolor brush pens, mandala stone art, calligraphy, and basic bookbinding. Relax and connect with fellow crafters. All levels of art or crafting experience are welcome. This program will take place on Saturday, September 3 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-chat-tickets-395289992007?aff=HPL>. Seating is limited.



In Their Footsteps: The Genealogical Tourist - Genealogical tourism is on the rise. What is it? Why is it becoming increasingly popular? Should you consider becoming a genealogical tourist? Discover the answers to these questions, learn some of the national and regional resources now available to the genealogical tourist, find out what to consider in planning, preparing, and packing for such a trip, and hear some practical advice. Presented by genealogy and heraldry expert, David B. Appleton. This program will take place on Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-their-footsteps-the-genealogical-tourist-tickets-388784654367?aff=HPL>. Seating is limited.



Test Strategies for Teens - Join us for a Teen Workshop on SAT and ACT strategies on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the University Park Public Library, which is located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza Suite 200. Huntington Learning Center will present on ways to prepare for the SAT and ACT, including test taking strategies and tips, recent updates, and why taking these exams is still beneficial when applying to a "test optional" college. Geared toward students in tenth grade and up. No registration required.



Art & Nature - Join Nasher Sculpture Center to create your own season-inspired piece on Saturday, September 24 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Art comes to life in this program! Participants will sketch and use their imaginations to create their own season-inspired piece. Explore modern and contemporary artworks that artists designed from the animals, plants, insects and books that surrounded them. For elementary aged children. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nasher-sculpture-center-art-and-nature-tickets-404312558747?aff=HPL>. Seating is limited.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



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 - online at

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

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.

September 3, Saturday Craft & Chat - Library

11:00 a.m. Located at the Highland Park Library, Adults 18 and up. Registration required. Seating is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-chat-tickets-395289992007?aff=HPL>

September 6, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session, Public Hearing on the budget and tax rate

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>

September 13, Tuesday Special Town Council Meeting

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>

September 20, 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>

September 20, Tuesday Test Strategies for Teens - Library

6:30 p.m.

Program to be held at the University Park Public Library, which is located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza Suite 200. No registration required.

September 24, Saturday In Their Footsteps: The Genealogical Tourist - Library

11:00 a.m.

Located at the Highland Park Library, Adults 18 and up. Registration required. Seating is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-their-footsteps-the-genealogical-tourist-tickets-388784654367?aff=HPL>

September 24, Saturday Art & Nature - Library

2:00 p.m.

Located at the Highland Park Library, For elementary aged children. Registration required. Seating is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nasher-sculpture-center-art-and-nature-tickets-404312558747?aff=HPL>



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Highland Park Night Out

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
3801 Lexington Ave.

Meet & Greet Town Employees ● Touch-A-Truck ● Treats ● Prizes ● Fun Activities

