

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park



IN A PECAN SHELL:

- Lakeside Ducks
- HPDPS Notes
- Water Rate Increase
- New Communication System
- Katy Trail Update
- Library Information
- Library Events
- October Events Calendar
- HPCAN Blood Drive

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



Just Ducky

One of the enjoyments of Lakeside Park is watching the ducks and geese. In anticipation of the planned construction of the sewer line and roadway, the Town consulted with a wildlife specialist who visited the area in advance of the construction and reviewed fencing plans along with active duck nesting areas. The expert advised us the geese, ducks, and ducklings are fine. Caring like you do for the fowl, Town staff will be feeding ducks and geese each day with duck feed that meets their dietary needs during construction.

Should you see a duck outside of the fenced area, please do not worry. They are free to come and go easily from the park even with the fencing in place. According to the Texas A & M Bird Breeding Atlas, Texas should start seeing the arrival of migratory Canadian geese in September to October, and they will begin to migrate back north in the spring.

A gate opening to the park area near the Beverly Drive intersection is available for park visitors to feed and view the ducks, as well. Please refrain from feeding our feathered friends any bread products so that they may continue to enjoy a healthier diet. Duck feed can be purchased from local pet stores or feed stores, and is better on their digestive systems.



HP Department of Public Safety

A Few Things to Remember



Crime Prevention Tips

Crime prevention is an easy and simple solution to staying safe. Evan Huang, our HP IMPACT president, produced a crime prevention video for his Eagle Scout project because he knows “crime prevention is an essential virtue of our community, and knowing how to prevent and report a crime can help keep our community and us safe.” Highland Park DPS greatly appreciates Evan’s hard work and commitment to bettering his community. Please click the link below to watch Evan Huang’s crime prevention video. <https://vimeo.com/745548988>



Women's Self Defense Class

We are excited to offer the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course again. RAD provides women with practical techniques for self-defense in a relatively short period of time. This course will be broken into four classes, and you must attend the first three to earn a certification. The class dates are November 9th, 10th, 15th, and 16th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The class will meet at the Highland Park DPS training room located at 4700 Drexel Drive on November 9th for the classroom portion of the course. The hands-on training will be on the 10th, 15th, and 16th at the Moody YMCA located at 6000 Preston Road.

This class is limited to 20 participants and is first come, first serve. To guarantee a spot, please complete the attached registration forms and provide a \$20.00 check made out to The Family Place. Participants younger than 18 must have a Parental Consent form signed. Return the forms and check at any time to HPDPS dispatch located at 4700 Drexel Drive, Dallas, TX 75205, or the Moody YMCA. If dropping off at HPDPS, please attention to Jessa Russell; if dropping off at YMCA, please attention to Mona Callaghan. You will receive an email notifying you once your registration is complete. If the class is full, your donation and forms will be returned.

Your \$20 donation to The Family Place secures your spot for the RAD class and helps The Family serve its mission. The Family Place helps victims of family violence become survivors. If you do not wish to donate, you may return the forms and be placed on the waitlist. You will receive an email notifying you once your registration is complete.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessa Russell at jrussell@hpdps.org or 214-559-9487.

Water and Waste Water Rate Adjustments

The Town Council approved a 7% rate adjustment in water and 3% in wastewater services effective October 1, 2022. This adjustment supports operational costs and capital projects related to the Town's water and wastewater utility system. An adjustment to solid waste rates of approximately 5.39% was also approved and is directly related to increased costs passed through from the Town's third-party solid waste provider. Stormwater rates were adjusted by 9% to address ongoing inflation and are used to maintain and improve the Town's drainage system. Water and Wastewater rates can be found at [Water and Waste Water Rate](#). See the full [Master Fee Schedule](#) or contact Customer Service at 214-521-4161.

New Mass Communication System

The Town of Highland Park is launching a new mass communication system called HP Alerts, powered by Genasys, Inc. This system, which is replacing Blackboard Connect, allows you to customize your desired notifications. HP Alerts will be used to communicate public safety topics, including severe weather, emergency notifications, utility shut-offs, road repairs, mosquito spraying, etc. To allow time for everyone to register, notifications will be sent out via HP Alerts and Blackboard connect until December 15th.

Genasys created registrations using data from the white pages, but we encourage everyone to create a login and password at highlandparktowntx.genasys.com/portal/en to allow individuals the ability to choose the types of alerts received and the avenue used to receive them, including landline, cell phone, text/SMS messages, email, and the mobile app. If you are attempting to register and receive a pop-up message that says "Email is already registered" or "Number is already registered," do not be concerned. This means we already have your information in the system, and now you must make a password if you want to control how notifications are received and the types of notifications received. To do this, return to the login screen and click on "Forgot your Password?". Then use the email or number to receive a temporary password. The number must be able to receive text messages.

To receive targeted messages by location, you are encouraged to add your home address. The information entered in the system is for the purpose of communicating emergency and official town information only – neither Genasys nor The Town of Highland Park will share or sell your information.

The Town and Public Safety Department will continue to send notifications through Blue Zone News, newsletters, Twitter (@HP_Texas and @HPDPS_TX), and Newsflashes on the website (www.hptx.org).

If you have questions, please contact Jessa Russell at 214-599-9487, or jrussell@hpdps.org.

New Entrance and Plaza Coming to the Katy Trail

Friends of the Katy Trail is excited to announce a major new improvement to the Katy Trail. The Friends will start work on a new entry plaza and safety enhancements where the Trail intersects Harvard Avenue, one of only two street-level crossings on the Trail. The new plaza is made possible through a generous \$1 million donation from donors who wish to remain anonymous. Situated next to Highland Park, the new plaza will echo the design of David's Way, the entry plaza at Knox Street, the Trail's other street-level crossing.

The plaza was designed by SWA Group, the local landscape architecture firm responsible for many of the Trail's enhancements. The design incorporates two outdoor rooms, one on each side of Harvard, surrounded by large trees that will be pollarded, a pruning method that removes the upper branches and promotes the growth of a dense head of foliage. The trees will define each space while providing sight lines into the plaza. Each space will incorporate pavers and contain lighting and stone benches for Trail users. Additional street signs, warning lights and other visual cues will be added on Harvard to slow vehicles and promote stopping when pedestrians and cyclists are present.

The project will be built in two phases to accommodate the planned City of Dallas conversion of nearby McKinney and Cole Avenues into two-way streets. The first phase, with construction beginning early 2023, will focus on the two plazas, new signage and landscaping. The second phase will add additional safety enhancements on Harvard and will be completed after the city finishes the street conversion project.

Friends of the Katy Trail, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, manages and operates the Katy Trail for the benefit of Dallas citizens and visitors. The Friends partners with the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Dallas, which owns the Katy Trail land.



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT....DIGITALLY



Now you can access The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal digitally with your HP Library card for free. Visit the Library's eBooks & More website, <https://www.hptx.org/170/eBooks-More>, for step-by-step directions. While at the website, also be sure to learn more about an additional eResource PressReader, which allows you to read over 6,000 publications, including The Dallas Morning News, on your tablet or smartphone.

Funding for the digital access to The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and PressReader is provided by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation.

The New York Times

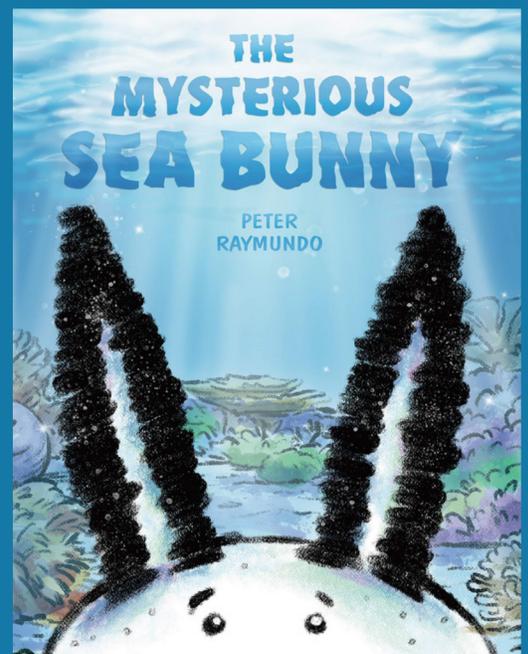
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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 the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/145/Library-Cards>, or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

What To Read Next

Are you looking for some scary great reads this season? What could be scarier than...The Mysterious Sea Bunny by Peter Raymundo. Especially since it is not really a bunny at all. Be sure to read this informational picture book about a certain sea dweller aloud to experience the conversational tone of the writing. You will be surprised by the facts you learn and the laughs you share with friends and family. Have fun rooting for the little sea bunny as it journeys across the ocean floor.

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.



Events at the Harvey R. "Bum" Bright Library

Stroll into Fall with a New StoryWalk® - The Town's Parks Department and the Library are happy to bring another StoryWalk® opportunity to Prather Park, which is located at the corner of Euclid and Drexel, for the month of October. Read a story, page by page, while walking through the park. To celebrate autumn, enjoy the book And Then Comes Halloween by Tom Brenner. As the author and illustrator of the title suggest, "Grab your bag, bucket, or pail and join [in] on this lively and lyrical journey."

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.

Ready to Fall into Your Next Great Read - You can download books, audiobooks, and magazines for free from OverDrive, <https://www.hptx.org/170/eBooks-More>. Simply set up your OverDrive account with your HP Library card number and PIN. To read or listen to books on your tablet or smart phone download OverDrive's Libby app for Apple or Android, <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby>.

Ghost Hunt in the Library - Visit the Library to see how many ghosts you can find hiding in the Children's Room. Complete the activity for a special pumpkin prize. 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.

Balloon Art Workshop - Create Halloween balloon art with Miss Aimee on Saturday, October 1 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Balloon designs include a ghost, a pumpkin, a wand, and more! For elementary-aged children. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-balloon-art-workshop-tickets-409302192877?aff=twitter>

Fall Into Watercolors - Families, join Ms. Kalluri for a watercolor class and paint a Fall themed project on Saturday, October 8 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Celebrate the beautiful season of Autumn by painting a wreath of leaves, pumpkins, and wheat grass, using the warm rich colors that fall brings! For ages 10 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-watercolor-workshop-tickets-409322002127?aff=HPL>.



OCTOBER 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.

All Month Story Walk in Prather Park - Library

Read a story, page by page, while walking through the park. To celebrate autumn, enjoy the book *And Then Comes Halloween* by Tom Brenner.

All Month Ghost Hunt in the Library

Visit the Library during normal business hours to see how many ghosts you can find hiding in the Children's Room. Complete the activity for a special pumpkin prize.

October 8, Saturday Fall Into Watercolors - Library

2:00 p.m.

For ages 10 and up. Registration required,

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-watercolor-workshop-tickets-409322002127?aff=HPL>.

October 18, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session

8:00 a.m.

Meeting & Study Session will be held at Town Hall, Second Floor.

<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

October 19, Wednesday HPCAN Blood Drive - DPS Training Room, 3rd Floor

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registrations are preferred. Give some blood, get a pair of socks!

https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132228.

October 22, Saturday Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - 3801 Lexington Ave.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Reservations highly encouraged, hptx.org/recreation.



@HP_Texas



@HPDPS_TX



hptx.org



(214) 521-4161

Amber Schlaht
of The Colony, Texas
says, "Thank you."

Give for Texans.



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
10:00am - 3:00pm

Highland Park DPS

4700 Drexel Dr
3rd Floor Training Room

Contact:
Kelle Hall
khall@hptx.org



As a
thank-you
donors will
receive two
pairs of socks.
While supplies last.



CarterBloodCare.org
Call 800-366-2834