

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



## Run, Run As Fast As You Can!

The Dallas BMW Marathon makes its return this month on Sunday, December 11. Established in 1971 by like-minded runners, the marathon grew in popularity. The start/finish location was moved from White Rock Lake to downtown Dallas in 1983. In 1997, race organizers decided it would donate a portion of race proceeds to charitable causes, naming the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children as the primary beneficiary. Today, the event is hailed as Texas' oldest running marathon, and Dallas' largest single-day sport event. Please visit the official website at <https://www.rundallas.com/> for more race-day information.

Please be aware that there will be street closures through Town to allow safe runner participation. Closures should last from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. We invite you to gather with us at Town Hall to cheer on those brave souls that can go the distance.





The Town of Highland Park

# Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 1, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Landmark Pecan Tree,  
4202 Armstrong Parkway

The community is invited to gather together to celebrate the festive season with Santa, his reindeer, and Town Staff. HPCAN will also host a drop-off table to collect donations for the Annual Toy Drive.

Join us for a pop-up, live performance with Susan Zhang, Nick Luby, and members of the DSO on Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m., at 3801 Lexington Avenue. Bring your camping chairs, a picnic lunch, friends, and family to enjoy the beautiful music. The performance is free and will last approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

The Concert Truck, founded in 2016 by concert pianists Susan Zhang and Nick Luby, is a mobile concert stage that brings classical chamber music directly to communities. The Concert Truck travels all over the United States performing alone and with other musicians to a variety of venues and audiences.

For more information on the DSO and The Concert Truck, please visit <https://www.dallassymphony.org/the-concert-truck-residency/> and <https://www.theconcerttruck.org/>. For more information on the event, please contact the Highland Park Library at 214-559-9400 or [hplibrary@hplibrary.info](mailto:hplibrary@hplibrary.info). The Parks Department and the Library are pleased to bring this event to the community.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be cancelled.



# Santa Claus is Coming to Town

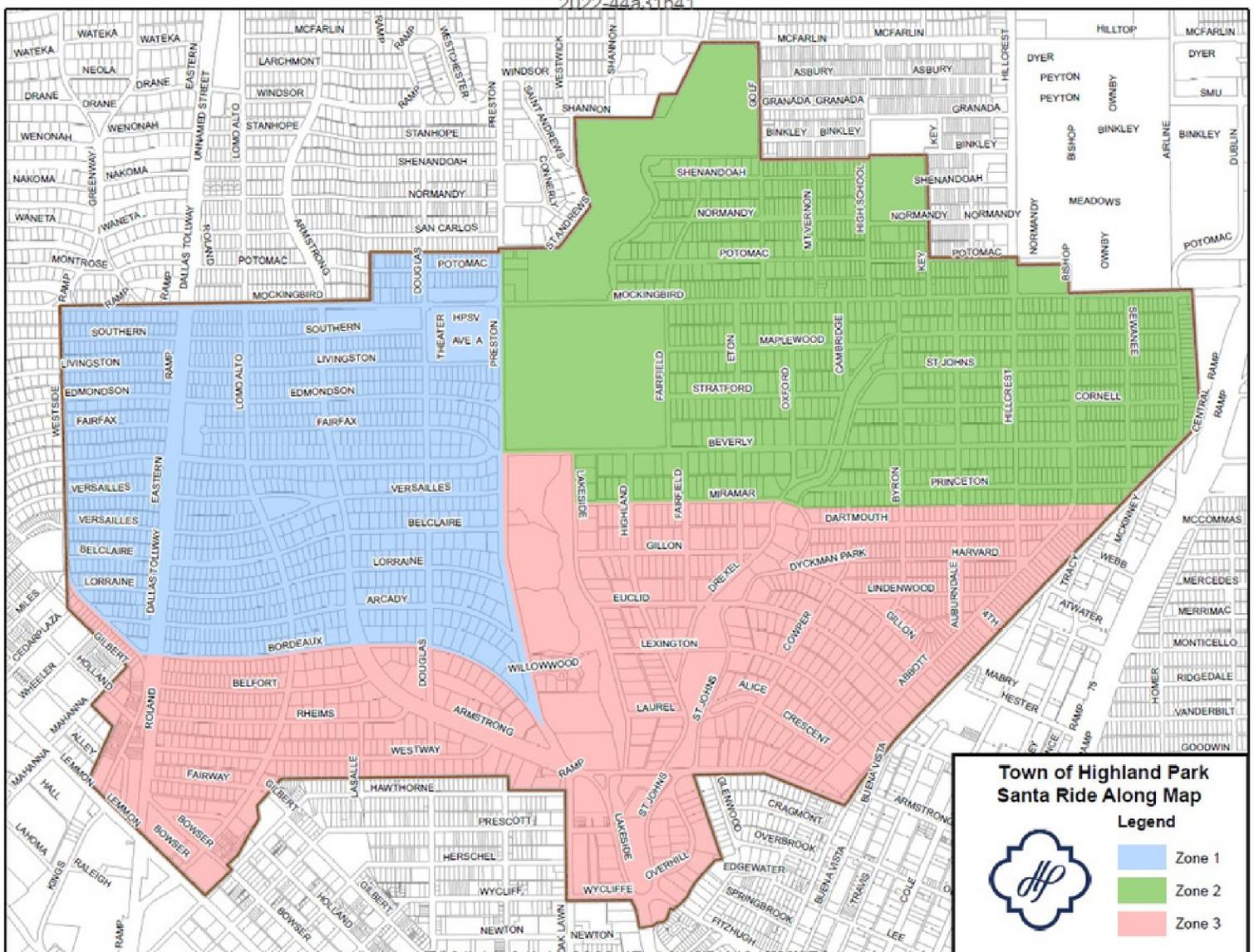
## Santa Ride Along

Get your kids ready to see Santa! One of our officers will drive Santa around town from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. They will travel down every street in their designated zone each evening. You may track Santa's location using the Glympse app. Once you log in to Glympse, click on the menu bar (the three lines) and select "Public Tags." Enter the name "SantaHP."

You may also click the following link to follow Santa: <http://glympse.com/!SantaHP>. Once you see that Santa is close, wait for him outside, and he will briefly stop to say Merry Christmas.

- Zone 1 Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
- Zone 2 Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Zone 3 Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

*\*Dates/times subject to emergency calls*



# HP Department of Public Safety

## Holiday Reminder



### Avoid Being A Victim of Porch Pirates

The holidays are in full swing, and the convenience of online shopping has made our lives easier. It has made thefts by porch pirates increase as well. Many deliveries are left on the front porch, unattended for hours at a time. While our Public Safety Officers will watch out for packages while on patrol, and try to place them in an area that is not readily visible from the street; there are other safety measures you can take to make sure your friends and families receive their gifts instead of them being carried off by thieves.

Porch Pirates, as they are referred to, are those that drive around looking for unattended packages in quiet neighborhoods during the day, hopefully while everyone is away at work. They do a quick snatch and grab for the boxes left by the parcel service, and get out of the area as fast as possible. They hope to score an item of high value that they can then resell or keep for themselves.

### Alternate Address

When selecting an address for delivery as you make your purchase, consider having the item delivered to your work address, or to a neighbor or family member that you know will be home to receive the package. These alternative options help to ensure that the package has arrived and is received by someone you trust, and it should not have to sit at the front door until someone arrives home later in the day.

### Delivery Locker

Some services, such as Amazon, UPS, or USPS, offer secure delivery lockers or one-time rental of a PO box. As you would with a home delivery, you should receive a notification that your package was delivered to the locker, and instructions on how to access the package when you are ready to pick it up.

### Sign on the Line

If possible, require a signature to be given when a package is delivered. This service would be available when you have someone sending you packages, rather than a business. It is a great idea to require this when you send gifts to family and friends, to help ensure their packages are received as well.

### Smile for the Camera

Doorbell cameras and home security cameras are more affordable than ever. The convenience of seeing who is at the door, or receiving an alert when someone is on the porch is a great way to capture images of uninvited porch pirates. It may not completely deter them from taking packages, but has helped to reduce the number of thefts. Having video or still images of those that take what is not theirs helps officers with the investigation process in possibly recovering your stolen items. It also allows officers to keep on the look out for these persons.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

## HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

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**Winter Reading Challenge** - The weather outside is frightful, but books are so delightful. Adults, join the Winter Reading Challenge and enter the drawing to win a Kindle Paperwhite. Read or listen to three books and record their titles between December 1, 2022 and March 11, 2023. Attendance at any adult library program or event during the challenge also counts. Complete the challenge by March 11, 2023 to enter the raffle drawing. Sign up and record your progress at [hptx.beanstack.com](http://hptx.beanstack.com).

**Gnome on a Tome** - Can you find the hidden gnome? Tome is another word for book, and the Library gnomes love books so much that one of them is hiding somewhere in the Library! Once you spot the gnome during your Library visit, stop by the Circulation Desk for a special holiday sticker.

**Epic Movie Nights Start At the Library** - Pick up a movie bundle at the HP Library with snacks and a winter-themed activity to accompany your favorite films. Simply visit the Library and choose a DVD to check out. Ask for a movie bucket bundle, while supplies last, at the Circulation Desk. Return the DVD to the Library when finished. The movie bundle and contents are yours to keep. Each bundle contains microwave popcorn with serving bags and a bucket, a 3D layered pine tree craft with instructions, a hot chocolate recipe bookmark, and Tootsie Pops snowmen.

**Gnome Craft Kits** - Families, celebrate the holidays with a cozy Gnome Craft Kit. Email [vramirez@hplibrary.info](mailto:vramirez@hplibrary.info) to reserve a kit in advance. Kits contain all the supplies you need to build your own adorable gnome!

**Santa Story Times** - Families, join us for Santa Story Time on Saturday, December 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Hear holiday stories and enjoy a library visit with Santa himself! Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-storytime-tickets-466577805777?aff=ere|panelorg>.



**Town Hall and Library  
will be closed  
December 23 - 26,  
and December 31.**



**Gingerbread Workshop** - Decorate your own gingerbread house for the holidays. All materials provided. This program will take place on Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m. Ages 6 and up (suitable for adults and families). Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gingerbread-workshop-tickets-445514103677?aff=HPL>.



**Tech Time** - Learn to download books and use digital library resources. Bring your mobile device or eReader for help navigating the virtual library and OverDrive, downloading eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, and more! Drop in anytime during the session to get your questions answered and see what's new to the Library's collection of online resources this year. From streaming movies to digital newspapers, there is something for every interest.

Free and open to the public. Please bring your Highland Park Library card to take full advantage of the virtual library. This program will take place on Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech-time-tickets-454113895887?aff=HPL>.



# Get a letter from Santa!

Drop your letter to Santa  
into the North Pole Mailbox  
located in Town Hall by  
5:30 p.m. on **December 10**  
to receive a response!



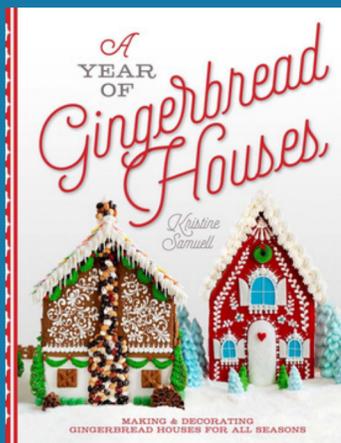
# HIGHLAND PARK'S LIBRARY OF THINGS

**Check Out the Unexpected** - With a Highland Park Library card you can borrow more than just books, including unique and fun kits that are part of the Library of Things collection. All kits are available for checkout for two weeks with an adult HP Library card. There is a limit of one kit per account at a time. Discover new interests or flex your creativity and imagination with materials, such as:

- **Pickleball Kits** - Try your hand at the newest game to sweep the nation.
- **Chess sets** - Enjoy one of the oldest and most popular board games that teaches you strategy.
- **Engraver Kit** - Protect your belongings by indelibly marking them as your own. This electric engraver works on many different materials.
- **S.T.E.M. Learning Kits** - Dive into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with one of these educational and fun kits. Funding generously provided by The Friends of the Highland Park Library through a grant from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas.
- **Puppet Kits** - Bring your stories to life with one of these fun puppet kits. Funding generously provided by the Beverly Drive Book Club.
- **Ukulele Kits** - Whether you are an expert Ukulele player or completely new to the instrument these kits will provide hours of fun.
- **Otamatone Instrument Kits** - This adorable electronic instrument resembles a musical note with a cheerful face.

Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card for residents 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.

## HP Library: What to Read Next



Whose says gingerbread is only for the winter season? Find inspiration to craft unique gingerbread creations for any event with [A Year of Gingerbread Houses: Making & Decorating Gingerbread Houses for All Seasons](#) by Kristine Samuel. The title contains templates, clear instructions, and information on tools and techniques. Build a two-story masterpiece or a cottage, even try out some lighting to take your plans to the next level.

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.

# DECEMBER CALENDAR



**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.

- December 1, Thursday** **Annual Tree Lighting of the Landmark Pecan Tree**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Family and friends are invited to join together to celebrate the opening of the holiday season. Family friendly activities are provided. HPCAN will be collecting toy donations for Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. This even is located on the block of Armstrong Parkway, between Preston Road and Westway Avenue.
- December 3, Saturday** **Gingerbread House Workshop** - Library  
**11:00 a.m.** Families or friends can register to decorate a gingerbread house for the holidays. Registrations are required. Ages 6 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gingerbread-workshop-tickets-445514103677?aff=HPL>.
- December 3, Saturday** **DSO Concert Truck** - 3801 Lexington Avenue  
**1:30 p.m.** Enjoy an outdoor, afternoon concert provided by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Bring your own chairs or picnic blankets. Concert will be on the street at the SP Swimming Pool parking area.
- December 3, Friday** **Final Day to drop off toy donations for the HPCAN Toy Drive.** All donations may be dropped of in Town Hall; and also in the HPDPS lobby by 5:30 p.m.
- December 6, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**  
**5:30 p.m.** Meeting & Study Session will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall, Second Floor. <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>
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The Marathon will cause several street closures until approximately noon. You are invited to join us at Town Hall to cheer on the runners.
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