

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.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Residents may place their Christmas tree on the parkway before 7:00 a.m. on normal brush collection days:

- Residences west of Preston Road: Mondays and Thursdays
- Residences east of Preston Road: Tuesdays and Fridays

Decorations, especially tinsel, must be removed from the tree for collection as the trees are mulched at the landfill. It is important for residents not to block the discarded tree with parked cars so the sanitation crew can see and have access to the discarded Christmas tree.



The Public Works Pipeline

Department of Engineering Services

Tips on Preparing for a Cold Snap

Winter is upon us, and who can forget the February 2022 freeze? We urge you to prepare for the likely event of another freeze event, if you have not done so already. Be sure to prepare the 4 P's: Pipes, Pets, Plants, People.

Protect Pipes

- Know the location of your home's shut-off valve and how to operate it. If you need a quick refresher on how to do this, please watch our short video at <https://vimeo.com/561870119>.
- Identify freezing points in your home.
- Strengthen your home's defenses such as covering outdoor faucets.
- Open cabinets to allow warmer air temperature in the room to circulate around pipes.
- Allow faucets to drip to keep water moving through pipes.

Protect Pets

- Keep your pets inside, both during the day and night during extremely cold weather.
- Wipe their paws and under bellies when they come inside. This minimizes exposure to de-icers and salt, and allows owners to inspect the animal for frostbite. Contact your vet if you fear your pet shows signs of frostbite.

Protect Plants

- Outdoor water systems should be drained and covered or allowed to drip slowly to help protect from damage.
- Move container plants inside.
- Cover plants with frost protection. Stringing holiday lights around sensitive plants and covering them with a tarp can provide protection from light freezes.
- Take steps to avoid drought-stress in the days before freezing temperatures arrive. Adding mulch to plant beds on during warmer days will help regulate soil temperature and moisture.

Protect People

- If weather gets very extreme like last year, please keep an eye on your neighbors; especially any that are housebound or elderly.
- Stay off the roads if ice accumulates and makes them unsafe to drive.
- Be prepared to grocery shop for necessities before predicted icy weather.
- If ice accumulation causes any wires to break, please stay away. Call 9-1-1 to report the location of the downed line.

Should power go out during freezing weather, residents can report a power outage or check the status of a previously reported power outage via an online reporting tool at oncor.com. You can also call Oncor at 888.313.4747. If you have signed up for My Oncor Alerts, text OUT to 66267 (ONCOR). To register for My Oncor Alerts, text REG to 66267.

To be notified or stay up-to-date on Town announcements and other alerts, you can sign up for service by visiting <https://www.hptx.org/409/Notify-Me> ; or by following the Town's Twitter feed at [@HP_Texas](https://twitter.com/HP_Texas) and [@HPDPS_TX](https://twitter.com/HPDPS_TX).

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Winter Reading Challenge - Adults, join the Winter Reading Challenge and enter the drawing to win a Kindle Paperwhite. Complete the challenge by March 11, 2023, to enter the raffle drawing. Sign up and record your progress at [hptx.beanstack.com](https://www.hptx.beanstack.com).

Not sure what to read next? Get personalized book recommendations from the Library Book Coach, <https://www.hptx.org/FormCenter/Library-3/Book-Coach-112>. Let Library staff be your Book Coach and help you find spot-on reads! Simply complete an online form to tell Library staff about your reading preferences. Then you will receive a list of books especially for you, usually by the next Library business day.

Dig Those Dinos - Discover fossils, follow dinosaur tracks, and piece together prehistoric clues. Children and parents are welcome to participate in this STEM workshop that focuses on education and fun. This program on Saturday, January 7 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Park Library is with the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dig-those-dinos-tickets-470538923587?aff=register>.



Watercolor Workshop - Celebrate the New Year by discovering a new skill! Join the Highland Park Library and artist Swetha in learning how to create festive and floral art for the season. This program on Saturday, January 14 at 2 p.m. is intended for ages 10 and up, and families are welcome. Supplies provided. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-year-watercolor-workshop-tickets-483291436697?aff=register>.



Dog Behavior Workshop - This presentation, presented by Bevill Dog Behavior on Saturday, January 21, at 11 a.m., will cover the basics of dog behavior so you can better understand: how a happy dog looks, how a dog's mind works, how to communicate with our beloved pets, and much more. Suitable for adults and families. Dog Behavior Workshop is not a hands-on class. With the exception of service animals, we ask that you leave your dog at home for the event. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dog-behavior-workshop-tickets-470704779667?aff=HPL>.



Inviting Backyard Wildlife - This talk, presented by the North Texas Master Naturalists on Saturday, January 28, at 11 a.m., will cover how to select native plants for your yard, their benefits, and other habitat practices that can be used to support wildlife no matter the size of your property. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inviting-backyard-wildlife-tickets-482574512357?aff=HPL>.



It is a New Year!

A new year means it is time to renew your Tennis Court Permits. You can purchase your permit online at hptx.org/recreation. Permits are \$40 per person, and are good for the whole year. You must be a resident of the Town of Highland Park to purchase a permit. Residents must have a valid permit to reserve and use the tennis and pickleball courts.

Courts	Location
Tennis Court 1	3800 Lexington Avenue - Prather Park
Tennis Court 2	5300 Drexel Drive - Hackberry Creek
Tennis Courts 3, 4, 5*	4525 Edmondson Avenue - Fairfax Park
Tennis Court 7	4501 St. Johns Drive - Davis Park
Tennis Court 8*	4814 Abbott Avenue - Abbott Park

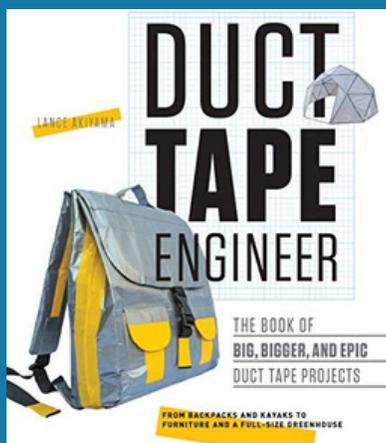
**Courts 5 and 8 are also striped for two pickleball courts. Limited pickleball supplies are available at the HP Library for borrow, and one net is available at courts 5 and 8 for use.*

Residents can also get a library card to access books, ebooks, DVDs, audiobooks, and many online streaming services. Also available are unconventional items to borrow such as the pickleball kits, puppet kits, STEAM kits, tech kits, ukulele kits, Care kits and more! 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.

Spend one-on-one time and read a story with a furry friend!

Children of all reading levels are encouraged to get to know one of Canine Companion's future service dogs. These dogs will one day work alongside people with disabilities to help increase their independence. Each child will get 15 minutes of reading time with their pawsome audience to practice their literacy skills. Tall Tails is offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

HP Library: What to Read Next



Ready for learning unique skills in 2023? Why not give crafting and engineering with a new medium a try? [Duct Tape Engineer: The Book of Big, Bigger, and Epic Duct Tape Projects](#) by Lance Akiyama teaches readers how to design, sculpt, and build eighteen mega projects. From backpacks to kayaks and kiddie pools to catapults – discover ways to stick together for a new type of fun with friends and family. Happy building and imagining in 2023!

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.

JANUARY 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.

Beginning January 12:

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM: Baby Bounce at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.
Every Friday at 10:00 AM: Toddler Story Time at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.
Every Friday at 10:45 AM: Preschool Story Time at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

January 1-2 Town Offices and HP Library are closed for the New Year's holiday

January 3, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**

8:00 a.m. Meeting & Study Session will be on the second floor of Town Hall. Agendas are made available online by the Friday afternoon before the meeting at <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

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January 16, Monday Town Offices and HP Library are closed for the MLK, Jr. holiday

January 17, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**

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January 25, Wednesday **Tall Tails** - Library

4:30 p.m. Tall Tails will be offered on the last Wednesday of every month beginning January 25. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

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