

# 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.



## Park Cities Recycling Event

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Park Cities Recycling Event, which will be **Saturday, April 15**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 3001 University Blvd. Bring documents for shredding, gently used items for donation, and electronics for recycling. No reservation needed!

Make sure you have a happy, healthy home before the summer get here. The Town's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is **Saturday, May 13**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Reservations are encouraged by calling Customer Service at (214) 521-4161 during normal business hours, or online at [hptx.org/recreation](http://hptx.org/recreation). The event will be held at 3801 Lexington Avenue, in the parking lot for the HP Pool. Bring out your unused paint cans, chemicals, old cleaners, and any other items that have a hazardous signal word: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, reactive, corrosive, toxic. At this time, the HHW event is for residents of Highland Park only.

If you have any medicinal items that need to be disposed of, the HPDPS has a drop-box located in the DPS lobby for your convenience that is accessible at all times. All over-the-counter or prescription drugs may be turned in to keep them from our water ways or from causing harm to others that do not need to take them.

## National Library Week

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National Library Week is April 23 - 29, 2023, and is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions, and promote library use and support. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April.

Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to eBooks, and special collections; but there's so much more to the story. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through such events as story times, crafting classes, and lectures; and library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.

We hope you will celebrate National Library Week with us through special events, activities, and outreach.

## Get Your Plants In A Twist

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When visiting the Town's parks, you may notice a few green knots in the landscaping. This is the time of year that Parks Maintenance Workers tie up the daffodils so that they will reappear next spring. Daffodils have bulbs that naturalize, meaning they will produce more bulbs and blooms if they retain enough nutrients until next year. To help the bulbs along, binding the leaves to prevent exposure to sunlight helps to keep more of the nutrients in the bulb, rather than the nutrients flowing up to the green stems and leaves. The leaves can be knotted, bound with rubber bands, or sometimes are braided. It is important to keep the greenery of the plant instead of cutting it away, as some of the bulb's nutrients will come from the minimal sunlight gathered. Once the plants have turned brown, only then can it be cut away and the bulb left for next spring.



## Monarch Pecan Tree Reborn

The Town's beloved Monarch Pecan Tree is seeing new life at the HPISD schools and Administration, serving as podiums for all the children and educators. The tree was removed in 2019, due to age, disease, and deterioration; after serving over 150 years as the Town's icon of heritage and history.

The podiums were delivered on March 28. Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent; Tom Sharp, School Board President; Joe Ellis, Trustee; and Betsy Cummins, Armstrong Elementary Principal, were present to receive the podiums from former Mayor Margo Goodwin and Holly Russell, Management Assistant. Mayor Goodwin and the Town Council Members (2022) voted to use the wood in such a way that would benefit all residents of Highland Park and decided on creating podiums that had a plaque commemorating the Monarch Pecan Tree.



## HP Department of Public Safety

### Scam Alert



#### Scams don't stop, so be alert!

The HPDPS has been informed that people are receiving phone calls from scammers reporting to be a Highland Park Detective or State Trooper, and telling the individual that they have Highland Park cases against them. These scammers have spoofed the HP non-emergency number (214-521-5000), so it looks as if HPDPS is actually calling.

Highland Park officers and court clerks will not call people who have charges or citations against them and request they pay over the phone or require any type of gift card. If you receive a phone call from someone reporting that you have a charge out of their agency, ask for the caller's name and verify the agency they are claiming to work for; then hang up and directly call the non-emergency number for that specific agency to verify. Every city website has a non-emergency number on their website and more than willing to assist you with verifying information in order to keep you safe.



# RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE

*Course for Women*

**LIMITED TO 20  
PARTICIPANTS**

contact  
**Lt. Jessa Russell**  
jrussell@hpdps.org  
214-559-9487

for more  
information or to  
register

 **April 25, 26 & May 2, 3**

 **6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

 **HPDPS & Armstrong Elem.**

- ✓ Basic self defense techniques
- ✓ Situational Awareness
- ✓ Taught by HPDPS Officers
- ✓ Hands-on training

 To register contact  
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**Highland Park DPS**  
4700 Drexel Drive, Highland Park, TX 75205



# HP Swimming POOL

**OPENS MAY 26**

## **Preseason**

**April 18 – May 26:** Tuesday - Friday only  
Lap Swim, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

## **Regular Season**

**May 26 – August 13:** Tuesday – Sunday only  
Lap Swim 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Open Swim 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## **Post-season**

**August 15 – October 1:**  
Tuesday – Sunday Lap Swim, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday Open Swim, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Sundays Open Swim, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **Extended Lap Swim**

**October 3 - 27:** Tuesday – Friday only  
Lap Swim, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

*Air temperature must be above 55 degrees, and water temp above 78 degrees to remain open.*



## Holiday Hours



### Memorial Day, May 29

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Lap Swim  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open Swim

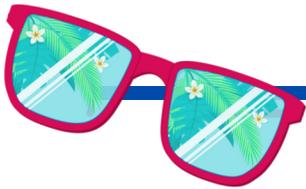
### Independence Day, July 4

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Open swim only due to Independence Day Parade.

### Labor Day, September 4

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lap Swim  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open Swim

Get Pool Permits and Passes online at [hptx.org/recreation](http://hptx.org/recreation)



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## Activities at the Pool

May 30 - August 10 - **Water Aerobics Class** - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.;  
Tuesdays & Thursdays only

May 27 - **Memorial Day/Pool Season Opening Cook Out** - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
(or until supplies run out)

September 2 - **Labor Day/Pool Season Close Cook Out** - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
(or until supplies run out)

June 21, July 19, & August 23 - **Baby Splash Story Time**  
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - Please register with the Library to attend

Classes and events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please keep up with announcements on the Town's Twitter Page,  
[https://twitter.com/HP\\_Texas](https://twitter.com/HP_Texas).



## **HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning**

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**Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - Saturday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon - Families come in all shapes and sizes and so does creativity. The Meadows Museum, located at 5900 Bishop Blvd., invites kids and their grown-ups to drop by the first Saturday of the month to get creative together. This program is presented in collaboration with the Highland Park Library, and designed and facilitated in part by the Meadows Museum Student Collective. This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to nine, but all are welcome. See the Meadows Museum website, <https://meadowsmuseumdallas.org/>, for information about each unique session.

**Teen Make-and-Take Stained Glass** - Join the Highland Park Library on Saturday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in Town Hall to learn how to make convincing faux stained glass out of liquid polymer clay. This versatile and easy to work with medium can be used to make stunning decorations, trinkets, and jewelry. Each participant will get to make a practice design and a design of their own to take home and finish baking! Suitable for tweens and teens, ages 10 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-make-and-take-stained-glass-tickets-554496282307?aff=register>. This program is a partnership between the University Park Public Library and the Highland Park Library.



**Introduction to Forensic Genealogy with Kelvin Meyers** – On Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m., join us for an overview of forensic genealogy and the role of the genealogist in these types of cases. We will discuss some of the major types of cases in which a forensic genealogist may be involved, such as guardianship, oil and gas, unidentified and unclaimed persons, and probate. The role of the forensic genealogist as an expert witness will also be discussed. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-forensic-genealogy-tickets-544539731997?aff=HPL>.



**Diamond Painting Workshop** - On Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m., discover the art of diamond painting and find your next craft obsession. This trending art form breaks images down into patterns. Combining the concepts of mosaic art and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting uses tiny rhinestones on adhesive to create a glittering, multi-dimensional picture. Every participant will be provided with a small kit. Our class will include tips and advice on how to start. By the end of the program, you will be comfortable leaving with your kit to be finished at home. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diamond-painting-tickets-544572790877?aff=HPL>.



## New Resources at the HP Library

### Kindergarten Readiness Begins at the Library

Gale Presents: Miss Humblebee's Academy is an award-winning online resource that gives kids ages 3 to 6 access to hundreds of guided lessons using videos, music, eBooks, hands-on activities, and more. It includes off-line lessons too. View weekly progress and performance reports to track improvement toward kindergarten readiness. It's serious learning fun!

Visit the Library's Lifelong Learning online resources page, <https://www.hptx.org/865/Lifelong-Learning>, for more information and to access the resource with your library card number and PIN.



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.

## HP Library: What to Read Next

**TONIEBOX KITS**

Explore a world of imagination with one of our fun and screen-free Toniebox Kits. Familiar faces from early childhood or Disney can sing songs and share stories to encourage listening, learning, and creativity.

Toniebox kits available for check out with an "Adult" Library Card.  
RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 3+ | 1 KIT PER ACCOUNT

In honor of the "There's More to the Story" National Library Week theme, let's focus on the Library's non-traditional items collection, which now includes Tonieboxes.

The Toniebox is an imagination-building, screen-free digital listening experience that plays stories, songs, and more. Designed for little listeners ages 3+, it's the perfect storytime companion for tiny hands and active imaginations. The Library has two Tonieboxes, one is early literacy themed and the other is Disney themed. Check out one today and discover a new type of storytelling:

[https://catalog.hplibrary.info/?config=default#section=search&term=toniebox&page=0&sortKey=Relevancy&db=ls2pac&branchFilters=\[%221%22\]&facetFilters=\[\]](https://catalog.hplibrary.info/?config=default#section=search&term=toniebox&page=0&sortKey=Relevancy&db=ls2pac&branchFilters=[%221%22]&facetFilters=[]).

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

**April 4, 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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**April 18, Tuesday HP Pool is Open for Lap Swim - 3801 Lexington Avenue**

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**April 26, Wednesday Tall Tails - Library**

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

**April 29, Saturday Teen Make-and-Take: Stained Glass - Library**

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