

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

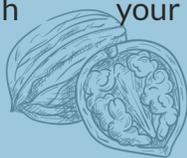


Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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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.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Make sure you have a happy, healthy home before the summer gets 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. 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. Electronics are not accepted at this event. 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.

What's All the Buzz?

The HPDPS officers are more than just the badge. They bring experiences and knowledge from different specialties and hobbies they have engaged in. Recently, PSO Benson put his beekeeping hat back on to assist a motorist who had a swarm of bees that made a temporary home on her vehicle. Keeping calm, he safely removed the bees and relocated them to a safer environment where they can thrive.



PSO Benson calmly collecting the bee swarm from a car.

When the queen bee leaves a hive with half of the worker bees, they find a temporary home while other bees scout for a permanent home location. Once a permanent home is found, the queen bee leaves the temporary home and all the other bees follow and begin making their new beehive. This process usually occurs in the springtime.

If you should happen to find a swarm of bees, it is important to remain calm. When bees are swarming, they are not mad but are just looking for a new home. People who stay calm and do not emit the fear pheromone most likely will not get stung. To relocate a swarm or hive, please call a bee expert to safely remove them. Only call the DPS should you have a medical emergency like an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

HP Department of Public Safety



Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class for women ages 16-25

The HPDPS is offering a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course on July 24 and 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for women ages 16-25. RAD provides women with practical techniques for self-defense in a relatively short period of time. This course, taught by HPSPS officers that are trained RAD instructors, will help raise awareness for personal safety and teach basic self-defense strategies. Participants must be capable of participating in light physical activity. Any ladies interested in joining the class may contact Lt. Jessa Russell, at 214-559-9487, or jrussell@hpdps.org, to obtain the registration forms.

Swim Lessons at the HP Pool

Swim Lessons and Swim Conditioning Classes are now open for registrations online. Get your little ones into private, one-on-one swim lessons with a certified swim instructor; or register your swimmer for classes on strengthening their swim skills. Visit <https://www.hptx.org/969/Swim-Lessons> for full information. Registration is online only, at hptx.org/recreation.

Swim Lessons

Schedule: Private swimming lessons are available from 10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Time of lessons will be confirmed with the Pool Manager. Sessions will be held:

- May 30 - June 9
- June 13 - June 23
- June 27 - July 7
- July 11 - July 21
- July 25 - August 4

Cost: \$280 per swimmer

Registration: Registration is online only at hptx.org/recreation. You must have a CivicRec account to register.

Swim Conditioning Classes

Qualifications: Must be able to swim the length of the pool back and forth.

Starts: Tuesday, May 30 through Friday, July 28. (No classes the week of July 4.)

Times: Each practice will be from 10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m., Tuesday-Friday.

Cost: \$350 for the whole summer, or \$70 per weekly session

Registration: Registration is online only at hptx.org/recreation. You must have a CivicRec account to register.

Irrigation Schedule

The hot months of summer are soon approaching. Do you know what days you are allowed to water? Please follow Town Ordinances concerning watering, and don't be wasteful! The Town provides several great online resources to help you save this precious resource and your money. Learn more at <https://www.hptx.org/waterconservation>.

TIME-OF-DAY WATERING
Lawn irrigation is not permitted between the hours of:
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
April 1 - October 31
(Hand-watering and soaker hoses are permitted).

WATERING DAYS
Residents may water their landscape on the following days:
Even number addresses: Sundays & Thursdays
Odd number addresses: Saturday & Wednesday

WATER RUNOFF
Lawn irrigation is not permitted to run off the property farther than 20 feet.

WATERING RESPONSIBLY

HELPFUL SERVICES
WATERSMART
The Town's online Customer Water Use Portal, helps residents monitor water consumption day-to-day.

WATER MY YARD
Created by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and designed to provide homeowners with guidance on when and how much water to use for their landscaping.

LEARN MORE ONLINE
www.hptx.org/WaterConservation
www.WaterMyYard.org
www.hptx.org/WaterSmart

A graphic for a toiletry drive. At the top, there is a light teal background with various toiletries: a white pump bottle, a clear spray bottle, a green bottle, a small white jar, a small green jar, a round white container, and a white bar of soap. Below this is a large purple circle containing the text 'Toiletry Drive' in bold black font. To the left and right of the purple circle are smaller circles in blue and orange respectively.

Toiletry Drive

Donations will benefit the Dallas ISD Homeless Education Program

The toiletry drive benefits Dallas ISD's Homeless Education Program, which benefits students who are housing insecure in the DISD school system. Full size items are appreciated as they will be distributed to the students for the summer.

April 24 - May 13

Drop donations off at

**HP Town Hall or the HPDPS Lobby
or the Moody Family YMCA**



Pre-registration is open now for the 2023 Children's Summer Reading program, *All Together Now*, at hptx.beanstack.org. Programs are available for ages 0 - 5 and readers in 1st - 6th grades.

Starting June 1, participants can start logging their minutes read, activities completed, and events attended to earn points, badges, and certificates. Participants may also pick up a printed Summer Reading Log at the Library to keep track of their summer reading activities. For more information on the summer reading programs and special events, please visit the Library's website, www.hplib.org.

Thank you to **Christine McKenny of Allie Beth Allman & Associates** for sponsoring the HP Library's summer reading program. Thank you to the **Friends of the Highland Park Library** for funding the Sharing Literacy book donation program. The 2023 Sharing Literacy recipient is **Jonathan's Place**. Jonathan's Place provides a safe, loving home and specialized services to children who have been victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect. Learn more about their mission at <https://www.jpkids.org/>.



Introducing a New Summer Reading Program for Adults

Be part of the HP Library's first ever Summer Reading Program for adults. Registration starts May 11, online at hptx.beanstack.org, and receive a Tech Travel Bag* when registration is complete.

Read or listen to three books and record their titles. Books may be from outside the Library's collection but must be adult or YA level. Attendance at any adult library program or event during the challenge also counts. Just fill in the name of the event you attend. Complete the challenge to enter the raffle drawing for one of two grand prizes. The raffle will be held after the challenge ends on July 31, 2023.

For more information on the summer reading programs and special events, please visit the Library's website, www.hplib.org.

**Prizes must be picked up at the library.*

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum - Saturday, May 6, 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.

Incredible Insects - Join the Highland Park Library and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History on Saturday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m., in Town Hall to learn all about the incredible insects around us! Participants will learn about parts of insects, examine different insects from the Fort Worth Museum's collection, and create an insect craft. Suitable for elementary age children and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/incredible-insects-tickets-616110943417?aff=register>.



Meet A Mermaid - Join us at the Highland Park Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue, on Friday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m., for a very special story time. A mermaid will be taking a vacation from her underwater home to visit Highland Park and read stories, sing songs, and tell about her amazing life away from land. A pool permit, guest pass, or resident day pass are required, and registration is required for children, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-a-mermaid-tickets-616122437797?aff=register>. This program is a partnership between the HP Parks Department and the Library. *This event will be held in place of regularly scheduled Story Time.*



Paper Collage Art Workshop - On Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m., join professional artist Wendy McIntyre as she guides us through making a personalized, torn-paper collage using a wide variety of new and recycled materials. Everything you need to complete your masterpiece will be provided. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paper-collage-art-workshop-tickets-616097994687?aff=HPL>.



Tall Tails - Wednesday, May 31, 4:30 p.m. - Children of all reading levels are encouraged to get to know one of Canine Companion's future service dogs. 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 at 4:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



Resources at the HP Library

The HP Library can help you invest in your future. The Library offers online access to numerous investing and financial resources, including:

- **ConsumerReports.org** - Explore a comprehensive collection of expert, unbiased product reviews 24/7.
- **Gale Business: Insights** - Research global companies and industries with in-depth analysis through current news, statistical data, and comprehensive reports.
- **Morningstar Investment Research Center** - Features financial data and research on mutual funds, stocks, and exchange-traded funds.
- **Value Line** - Smart research. Smarter investing. This online resource covers the 1,700 stocks included in The Value Line Investment Survey.

Library cardholders can log into these resources with their library card number and PIN. For more information on the resources, please visit the Library's website,

<https://www.hptx.org/872/Investing>.

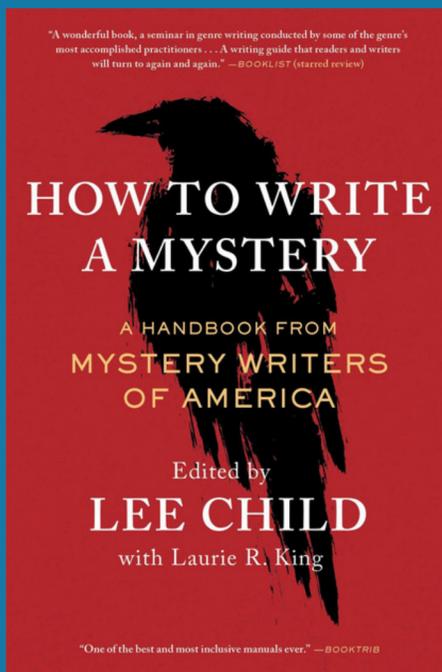
MAY'S RESOURCE OF THE MONTH!

**HIGHLAND
PARK LIBRARY
CAN HELP
YOU INVEST IN
YOUR FUTURE.**



**A Highland Park Library card is
your ticket to digital resources
that can help you reach your
investing goals.**

HP Library: What to Check Out Next



Follow the clues as you learn to craft your writing skills with this month's pick. [How to Write a Mystery](#) is an invaluable guide from over 70 of the most successful mystery writers in the business. This must-read for aspiring authors covers everything from character development and plot, to procedurals and thrillers. Topic arrangement in the book includes: (1) Before Writing (rules; genres; setting; character; research; etc.), (2) While Writing (outlining; the plot; dialogue; mood; etc.), (3) After Writing (agents; editors; self-pub; etc.), (4) Other than Novels (short stories; true crime; etc.), and (5) Other Considerations (diverse characters; legal questions; criticism)

Break out your magnifying glass and test your deduction skills with advice from the Mystery Writers of America, <https://catalog.hplibrary.info/?config=default#section=resource&resourceid=410307241¤tIndex=0&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>.

MAY 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.

May 2, 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>.

May 6, Saturday Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum - 5900 Bishop Blvd, SMU campus

10:00 a.m. 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.

May 13, Saturday Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - 3801 Lexington Avenue

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For HP residents only. Reserve your time at hptx.org/recreation.

May 13, Saturday Incredible Insects - Library

2:00 p.m. Suitable for elementary age children and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/incredible-insects-tickets-616110943417?aff=register>.

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May 19, Friday Meet A Mermaid - HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue

10:00 a.m. A pool permit, guest pass, or resident day pass are required, and registration is required for children, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-a-mermaid-tickets-616122437797?aff=register>. This program is a partnership between the HP Parks Department and the Library. This event will be held in place of regularly scheduled Story Time.

May 20, Saturday Paper Collage Art Workshop - Library

11:00 a.m. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paper-collage-art-workshop-tickets-616097994687?aff=HPL>.

May 26, Friday Summer Swim Season Opening Day - HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue

Get your day pass or Season permit at hptx.org/recreation!

May 27, Saturday Labor Day Cook-out at the Pool - HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Parks staff will be grilling burgers and hot dogs for park and pool visitors! Come by before it all runs out. No pool admission needed.

May 31, 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>.



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HP Swimming Pool 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



Activities at the Pool

May 19 - **Meet A Mermaid story time** - 10:00 a.m.: Registration and pool pass required.

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.

