

# TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

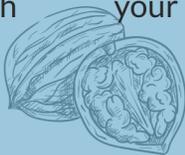


Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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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.



## Swim Schedule Change Coming

We are slowly sneaking up on back-to-school time, and that means the pool schedule will change as well.

The **Post-Season Schedule** will begin on Tuesday, August 15, until October 1.

- Lap Swim will be Tuesdays - Sundays, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- Open Swim will be Saturdays and Sundays only, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Pool is closed on Mondays for maintenance.

The **Extended Lap Swim Season** will be from October 3 - 27, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m., Tuesdays - Fridays only.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the first two weeks of August will be our final four **water aerobics classes**. There is no sign up, just join the group at the pool at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 10, will be the final class of the season.

The August **Baby Splash Story Time** date has changed to Wednesday, August 9. To register your little splasher for this event, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baby-splash-story-time-tickets-634887895787?aff=register>.

Space is limited! This event is for our little friends aged 3 years and younger, and their adult caregiver. For any questions about this event, please contact the HP Library.

## School Zones Ahead

Highland Park ISD students will begin the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, August 15. The school zone lights will begin flashing on Monday, August 7, as a reminder for drivers to slow down in the designated school zones.



## Scam Alert from Atmos Energy

Atmos Energy recently became aware of an ongoing “Search Engine Phishing” operation, where cybercriminals use search engine optimization (SEO) techniques to place a fake website into a browser’s top search results. Any user who clicks on one of these “spoofed” websites will be redirected to what looks like a legitimate Atmos Energy page, but that fake page will feature a fake customer service number and other false information. If a customer calls the fake customer service number, they may be asked to provide login credentials or other sensitive information that the scammers can leverage to compromise bank, credit card, or other accounts belonging to the same customer.

Telephone scams are also on the rise, including one where impostors call customers directly and offer a discount on their Atmos Energy bill if they pay immediately over the phone.

As a reminder:

- Atmos Energy will never ask for payment using prepaid debit cards, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or unauthorized third-party payment or mobile application.
- If you ever have concerns about the legitimacy of a call, simply hang up and call Atmos Energy customer service at 888.286.6700.
- Payment for an Atmos Energy bill should be made through the online Account Center or through other authorized payment methods.
- Atmos Energy will provide multiple notices and work to assist customers with payment plans and assistance options before any service interruptions take place.
- Unless there is an emergency, Atmos Energy employees will not call before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Central time.

In addition to online and telephone scams, beware of impostors demanding payment at your door. Always ask for an employee’s identification badge which displays name, photograph, and Atmos Energy logo. Atmos employees will not collect payments in person. If you suspect an impostor, call the customer service number at 888.286.6700 to verify the employee's identity and contact local authorities.

## Splash Into Story Time at the HP Pool

The final event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m., at the Highland Park Swimming Pool's splash pool.

Book it to the pool this summer! Join us for a special read aloud at the Highland Park Swimming Pool. Children can listen to stories, sing songs, and play games while splashing around! Eventbrite registrations are only required for children.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baby-splash-story-time-tickets-634887895787>. These events are hosted in collaboration with the HP Parks & Recreation Department. Suitable for parents, caregivers, and ages 3 or younger.

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# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Library's Adult, Teen, and Children's Summer Reading programs. Children can log their reading for July and pick-up prizes through the end of August. We look forward to all the summer reading fun ahead for 2024.

Thank you to **Christine McKenny and Allie Beth Allman & Associates** for sponsoring summer reading for children and teens. Thank you to the **Friends of the Highland Park Library** for funding the Sharing Literacy book donation program.



# HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

**Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - Saturday, August 5, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - 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 visit 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, which will include browsing artwork with museum staff, a craft activity, and a story time.

**Japan-In-A-Suitcase** - On Friday, August 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Town Hall, the Japan America Society of DFW will introduce youth to Japanese Storytelling, also called Kamishibai, through the Japan-In-A-Suitcase program. Attendees will see an engaging Japanese folktale told through the use of colorful imagery, practice common Japanese words and phrases, and learn how to properly wear traditional Japanese clothing. After the storytelling, each child will have the chance to create origami art. Suitable for ages 6 and up. This event will be held in place of Story Times. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/japan-in-a-suitcase-tickets-673200028407?aff=register>.

**Bobbin Lacemaking** - This is a two-part workshop at Town Hall. Please register only if you are able to attend both sessions:

- Session One: Saturday, August 19 at 11 a.m.
- Session Two: Saturday, August 26 at 11 a.m.

In the 16th century, a new type of fabric burst onto the scene: bobbin lace. How was this purely ornamental fabric made that was at times more valuable than gold and was the cause of great intrigue in Europe?

Join the members of the Dallas Lace Society for a workshop on basic stitches of bobbin lace. Attendees will work on stitches that are the basis of all bobbin lace in the first session and a sampler of grounds in the second session. Dallas Lace Society members will guide participants as they learn the foundations of lacemaking. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/676833325697>.

**Tall Tails** - Wednesday, August 30, 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 paw-some 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>.

**Self-Care in Midlife** - On Wednesday, August 23, at 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Jamie Wilson, Lucy Smith, and Avery Hoenig will present concrete tools to help women take care of themselves during this important phase of life. Midlife abounds with changes and transitions on several fronts: biologically, psychologically, and socially, and we don't talk much about any of this.

Suitable for ages 18 and up. While focused on women in midlife, this presentation is not just for women in midlife. We truly believe anyone who loves a woman in midlife would benefit from attending (think spouses/partners, children, parents, friends, family, etc!). Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/669071961247>.



## Back-To-School Help

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***Bee Ready for Kindergarten*** – Miss Humblebee's Academy fosters early learning in children ages 3 to 6, setting them up for success. It's serious learning fun! This award-winning program offers interactive, online preschool curriculum preparing young learners for kindergarten and beyond. Kids will explore different subjects with hundreds of guided lessons in a safe learning environment - free of pop-ups, ads, and links to other websites.

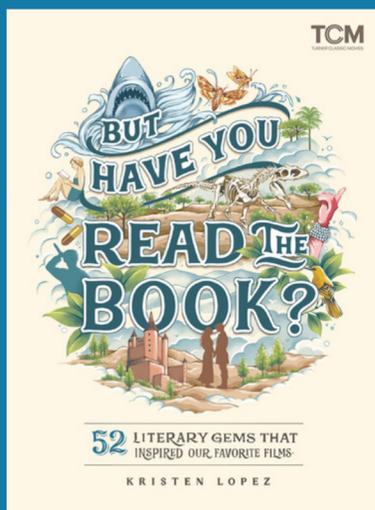
Miss Humblebee's Academy can be accessed at the Library, home, or on-the-go via smart phones, iPads, and tablets. Visit the Library's database webpage, <https://www.hptx.org/144/Databases>, to browse the numerous resources available for cardholders. Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/hplapply> or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

***Homework Help for Back to School*** - The Highland Park Library has physical and digital homework help resources for students of all ages. Find the books you need to help supplement learning skills and complex concepts. Access online databases and reference materials 24 hours, 7 days a week with your HP Library card number and PIN.

Students in kindergarten through introductory college can receive assistance from live, online tutors using an interactive, virtual whiteboard to chat, write, draw, and copy/paste. Tutors are available online through HelpNow Monday through Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Visit the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/864/Homework-Help>, to learn more about HelpNow and other online homework help resources available to Library cardholders.

## What to Read Next

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Put the saying, “Never Judge a Book by Its Movie,” to the test. *But Have You Read the Book?: 52 Literary Gems that Inspired Our Favorite Films*, written by Kristen Lopez and from Turner Classic Movies, offers fascinating backstories, trivia, and narrative on beloved screen adaptations and the great reads that inspired them. Discover what makes these works classics of both the page and screen, and why each made for an exceptional adaptation - whether faithful to the book or exemplifying cinematic creative license.

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# AUGUST CALENDAR



**Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

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**Every Thursday at 10:00 AM:** Baby Bounce, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

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**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.

- *Tickets will be required for entry to Story time on Fridays. Tickets are free and will be handed out each Friday at the Library Circulation Desk.*

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**August 15, Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**  
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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