

# 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.

## HHW Event This Month

If you have any household hazardous waste items that needs to be disposed of, Public Works will be hosting the **Fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Collection** event on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Reservations are not required, but are highly encouraged. You can save your spot for the event at [www.hptx.org/recreation](http://www.hptx.org/recreation). Please note, that the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center (DCHCCC) staff that take the collection at the event require us to close promptly at 1:00 p.m., and no late arrivals will be permitted. This event is for disposing of any items in your home that are marked as hazardous or have caution warnings. Electronics are not be accepted at this event.

Want to know more about what is considered a household chemical? Visit the DCHCCC's website for a list of items you can bring to the Center or Drop Off event: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/consolidated-services/hhw/checklist.php>. There are also great tips on safer products to use instead of hazardous chemicals.

## Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

The garbage collection schedule changes with the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:** Regular collection

**Thursday:** Picked up on Wednesday, November 22

**Friday:** Regular collection

The Holiday Trash Collection schedule can always be viewed online at [www.hptx.org/HolidayTrashSchedule](http://www.hptx.org/HolidayTrashSchedule).

## Food Drive Continues

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HPCAN's Food Drive continues this month, accepting non-perishable food items until Saturday, November 11. Donations will benefit the Dallas College's food pantry. Donations can be dropped off in several locations:

- HP Town Hall - table in the main lobby, during normal business hours
- HPDPS Lobby - table in the lobby, open 24/7
- Moody Family YMCA - collection in the lobby, during normal business hours

## Mindful Meditation Class

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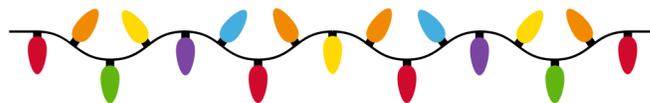
Mindful Meditation classes are held each Tuesday at 11:45 a.m., in the HPDPS Training Room. On weeks that have a major holiday, classes may be cancelled. The new instructor is Andy McDonald. Andy is a certified yoga and meditation instructor, and has been leading mindful wellness activities since 2004 in the Dallas area. There is no registration or cost to attend.

## Mark your Calendars!

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The annual lighting of the Landmark Pecan Tree to open the holiday season will be Thursday, December 7, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to join the Town Council and employees for fun festivities and sugary sweets. Santa will be our special guest who will help to countdown to turn on the merriment! The tree lighting presentation is scheduled for approximately 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the evening with performances by the HP High School Choir, get your face painted, or pet a reindeer. We can't wait to see you all at the Landmark Pecan Tree, located on the 4200 block of Armstrong Avenue.

Keep the holiday spirit going by visiting the HP parks, dressed in festive lights and greenery for the season. The holiday lights will turn on at 7:00 p.m. with the tree lighting on December 7th. Please be mindful of the traffic and horse-drawn carriages this time of year. 'Tis the season for viewing all of the holiday lights, which means that traffic may move slower than normal or be congested at some intersections.



# HP Department of Public Safety

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## Avoid Being A Victim of Porch Pirates

The holidays are fast approaching, 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

**Wild DFW with Amy Martin** is Wednesday, November 1, at 12:00 p.m.; and will be held at Town Hall on the Second Floor. This presentation is a photo-filled tour of the top nature spaces in North Texas from Amy Martin's [Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature Around Dallas-Fort Worth](#). From three preserves a few thousand acres large, to 50-acre retreats that are perfect ecosystem specimens.



This program is offered in partnership with the Friends of SMU Libraries. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-dfw-with-amy-martin-tickets-714741580307?aff=oddtcreator>.

**Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - Saturday, November 4, 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 museum 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.



**Screenwriting 101** - Saturday, November 4 at 11:00 a.m., at Town Hall, 2nd Floor - Screenwriter Paula Goldberg introduces the basics of visual storytelling for film and television. Constantly reinventing herself. She has worked in corporate America, academia, and artistically as a content writer, actor, screenwriter, producer, and director. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screenwriting-101-tickets-718156745157?aff=HPL>.



**Pumpkin Piñatas** - Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m., at Town Hall, 2nd Floor - Each participant will get to make a piñata of their own while they learn about the history and culture surrounding the celebratory party favor. The best part is that each piñata is reusable, and a simple pull string is all you need to get to the sweet treats inside. Suitable for ages 6 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pumpkin-pinatas-tickets-706310101527?aff=oddtcreator>.



**James Wand Magic Show** - Saturday, November 18 at 2 p.m., at Town Hall, 2nd Floor - Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to join James Wand on an exciting and hilarious adventure of magic and mystery. Help James Wand solve clues and secret codes. Prepare to be amazed by the most incredible magic you will ever see! Suitable for ages 5 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/james-wand-magic-show-tickets-699801443957?aff=oddtcreator>.

**Tall Tails** - Wednesday, November 29, 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>.





**Learning is Un-Be-Leaf-Able!** Fall into reading as the Highland Park Library Children's Room is gorgeously transformed for a limited time this November. Visitors can participate in a nature-themed scavenger hunt while learning fascinating facts about forest animals and foliage. Explore the treetops from a new perspective while discovering all the Library has to offer. Be sure to visit before the season changes...

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. The Fall Into Reading experience is generously funded by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation and features original artwork by local artist Mari Pohlman, <https://www.marpohl.com/> or @marpohl on Instagram.

**Trusted Reference Information at Your Fingertips, Online and 24/7.** Salem Press Reference Shelf, <https://online.salempress.com/>, is a collection of online reference books covering various topics in history, science, and health. If accessing the resource remotely, please use HighlandParkLibrary as the remote password.

Visit the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/144/Databases>, to learn more about Salem Press Reference Shelf and other online resources available to Library 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.

## Check This Out!

Get ready for the ultimate in comfort food, [Tasty Total Comfort: Cozy Cooking with a Modern Touch](#). Find recipes for chili from across the country. Even discover what exactly a pizookie is - spoiler alert - it is a pizza-sized cookie made in a skillet. Fall is looking better and better. Playful, vibrant photography and plenty of step-by-step photos make this cookbook as cozy and comforting as your favorite home-cooked meal.



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Every Tuesday at **11:45 AM**: Mindful Meditation. 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.

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Every Friday at **10:00 AM**: Toddler Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

- There will be no story times for Thursday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

**November 1, Wednesday Wild DFW with Amy Martin** - Library

**12:00 p.m.** Eventbrite registration required for this Library Program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-dfw-with-amy-martin-tickets-714741580307?aff=oddtcreator>

**November 4, Saturday Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd

**10:30 a.m.** Free, with regular museum admission.

**November 4, Saturday Screenwriting 101** - Library

**11:00 a.m.** Eventbrite registration required for this Library Program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screenwriting-101-tickets-718156745157?aff=HPL>

**November 4, Saturday Pumpkin Piñatas** - Library

**2:00 p.m.** Eventbrite registration required for this Library Program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pumpkin-pinatas-tickets-706310101527?aff=oddtcreator>

**November 7, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session**

**8:00 a.m.** Agendas are made available online <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

**November 11, Saturday HHW Drop-off Event** - 3801 Lexington Ave.

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Registration recommended through [CivicRec](#).

**November 18, Saturday James Wand Magic Show** - Library

**2:00 p.m.** Eventbrite registration required for this Library Program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/james-wand-magic-show-tickets-699801443957?aff=oddtcreator>

**November 23, Thursday Town Hall offices and Library are closed.**

**THANKSGIVING DAY** Thursday's residential trash collection will be Wednesday, November 22.

**November 24, Friday HOLIDAY HOURS**

Town Hall offices closed, HP Library open regular hours, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**November 29, Wednesday Tall Tails** - Library

**4:30 p.m.** Eventbrite registration required for this Library Program. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



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# HPCAN

## *Annual Food Drive*

Benefitting  
**DALLAS COLLEGE**



**Accepting nonperishable food items, such as:**

- Breakfast Bars/Energy Bars
- Peanut Butter Crackers, Jelly
- Ramen Noodles & Cup Noodles
- Ravioli & Chili
- Microwavable Meals in a Box (Shelf-Stable)
- Single Serving Cups of Mac and Cheese
- Fruit cups
- Gatorade/Fruit Drinks
- Instant oatmeal
- Popcorn
- Vienna sausage
- Tuna or chicken meal packages
- Bottled water/Flavor water packs
- Nonperishable vegetarian snacks

**COLLECTING ITEMS FROM  
OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

**Donations may be dropped off at:  
HP DPS Lobby, HP Town Hall Entrance, Moody Family YMCA**

