

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 Kortney Nelson, Town Librarian, at knelson@hptx.org, or call (214) 559-9404 with your recommendations.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event & the Park Cities Recycling Event

Make sure you have a happy, healthy home before the summer gets here. The Town's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event is **Saturday, May 11**, 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 www.hptx.org/recreation. The event will be held at 3801 Lexington Avenue, in the HP Pool's parking lot. Bring out unused paint cans, chemicals, old cleaners, and any other items with a hazardous signal word: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, reactive, corrosive, or toxic. At this time, the HHW event is for residents of Highland Park only.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Park Cities Recycling Event, which will be held on **Saturday, May 18**, 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!

If you have any medicinal items that need to be disposed of, Highland Park DPS has a drop-box located in the DPS lobby that is accessible at all times. All over-the-counter or prescription drugs may be turned in to keep them from entering our waterways or from harming others who do not need to take them.



HP Department of Public Safety

Scam Alert

From the Highland Park DPS Office of Community Relations:

[The Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) recently released a consumer alert titled, “Think you know what the top scam of 2023 was? Take a guess.” Give this one some thought. So, what was the top scam in 2023? According to Lt. Lance Koppa, the most frequently reported scam in Highland Park was identical to the top fraud as identified by the FTC: Imposter scams. Broadly, the FTC notes, “These scams include people pretending to be your bank’s fraud department, the government, a relative in distress, a well-known business, or a technical support expert.”



Imposter scams are disguised in many different forms, but two of the most commonly reported are the “grandparent” or the “warrant for your arrest” scam. Committed by phone, these two varieties of scams have been in circulation for several years, but it’s difficult to predict the geographic areas where they will appear next. Adds Lt. Koppa, “Know that these fraudsters are expertly equipped to sound and appear one-hundred percent legitimate.”

Due to the design of the scam and their highly skilled efforts to manipulate the potential victim, be on the look-out for these warning signs: 1) the demand for you to take immediate action; 2) request to make payment in the form of a gift card; 3) aggressive voice tone; and 4) forceful verbal tactics designed to prevent you from hanging up the phone. Ultimately, ending the phone call is the quickest way to defend yourself against these scams. For additional information, you may refer to the FTC’s article “[Anatomy of an Imposter Scam.](#)”

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 X (formerly Twitter) feed at [@HP_Texas](#) and [@HPDPS_TX](#).

HP Swimming POOL

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PERMITS
ON SALE NOW

National Library Week

Ready, set, library! National Library Week is April 7–13, 2024. The Highland Park Library encourages everyone in the community to visit and explore all the Library has to offer.

Libraries give us a green light to experience something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue our interests through programs, resources, story times, crafting workshops, lectures, and more.

And libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, raising a family, or settling into retirement—the Library offers the materials and support you need.

So, get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect this National Library Week. The Library is there for you, all the way to the finish line.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information, please visit the [Library's website](#).

Traffic Safety Storytime



The Library will have a special all-ages Story Time on Friday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. in honor of National Library Week's theme: *Ready, Set, Library!*

A member of Highland Park's Department of Public Safety (HP DPS) will visit Story Time to explain safety when interacting with roadways. Children will be able to receive a book about traffic safety, while supplies last.

In the event of inclement weather, this program will be moved indoors to the 2nd floor of Town Hall.

This event is presented in partnership with HP DPS. Registration not required.





HP Swimming POOL

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Preseason

April 16 – May 24: Tuesday - Friday only
Lap Swim, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Regular Season

May 24 – August 11: 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 13 – September 29:
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 1 - November 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 27

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

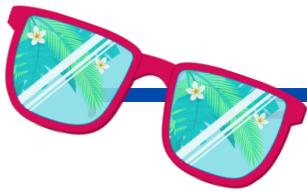
Independence Day, July 4

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

Labor Day, September 2

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 28 - September 26 - **Water Aerobics Class** - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays only

May 25 - **Memorial Day/Pool Season Opening Cook Out** - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(or until supplies run out)

August 31 - **Labor Day/Pool Season Close Cook Out** - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(or until supplies run out)

June 19, July 17, & August 7 - **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 [Blue Zone](#).





Blood Drive



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Blood Recipient
Frisco, Texas

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

10:00am - 3:00pm

Highland Park DPS

4700 Drexel Dr
3rd Floor Training Room

Contact:
Kelle Hall
khall@hptx.org

Schedule an
appointment



Receive an
umbrella!*



CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Item may be substituted for item of equal value.

Fun with knitting to weaving and everything in between! Enjoy art-making, gallery activities, story time, and more as you explore all the ways artists use string, yarn, and thread at the Meadows Museum.

Activities Include:

- Yarn painting and string dolls
 - Weaving and felting
- Paper spinning with local artist Kyla Crawford
 - Collaborative weaving with the Dallas Handweavers and Spinners Guild
- Music time with students from the SMU Student Association of Music Therapy
 - Performances by SMU Dance

AND MORE!

This program is FREE.

Strollers are welcome, changing tables will be available, and parking in the museum's underground lot is free.

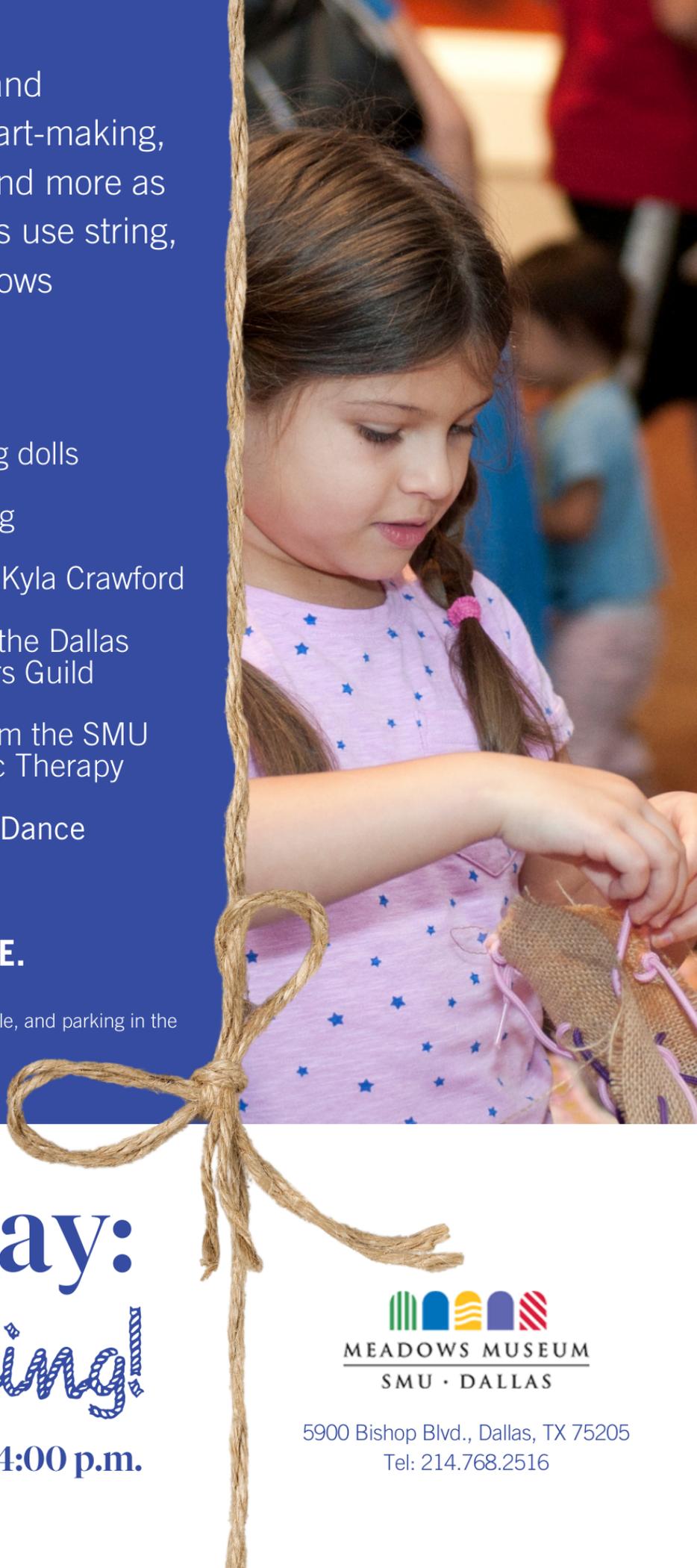
Family Day:

String Thing!

Sunday, April 7 | 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.



5900 Bishop Blvd., Dallas, TX 75205
Tel: 214.768.2516



Total Eclipse in the Park

Monday, April 8 at 12:30 p.m.

The Highland Park Library invites you to join us at Fairfax Park for a viewing of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse! Please plan ahead, per the [NASA website](#): "It is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing."

Bring your camping chairs and chat with family and friends while waiting for the eclipse to reach totality, which will occur at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Attendees can stroll along an eclipse themed StoryWalk®, spin a wheel to win a prize, or choose from 4 crafts to make in celebration of this celestial event.

Attendees will receive one (1) complimentary pair of eclipse glasses, while supplies last. For tips and information about safely viewing the Solar eclipse, please visit [NASA's website](#).

This event is possible through partnerships with the Highland Park Department of Public Safety and Parks Department. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled. All ages. Registration not required.



What to Check Out Next?



Ready, Set...Road Trips!

Jen CK Jacobs book, *Road Trips: A Guide to Travel, Adventure, and Choosing Your Own Path*, divides trips into four distinct parts: (1) Basics of the Road, (2) The Travel Record, (3) Road Stories, and (4) Home Again. Learn practical lessons such as car readiness, packing, organization, and the most important...recipes for road snacks.

Road Trips presents eight stories that highlight different ways to explore the world. Plan how to prepare for road trips of all sizes from solo journeys to international destinations with a group of friends.

The Library is open on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Twice Upon a Time Storytellers - Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m., 2nd Floor Town Hall

Telling together since 2000, Twice Upon a Time Storytellers utilize the ancient art of storytelling to explore the complex and challenging issues facing us in our modern society. Through the experience of listening to and sharing stories, we can find connections in our families, schools, workplaces, and communities. Storytelling opens us up to understanding the bonds we share with others around our wonderful globe. Discover this new world with Dallas storytellers Gene and Peggy Helmick-Richardson. Suitable for adults and teens. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twice-upon-a-time-tickets-858235143417?aff=oddtcreator>.



Tall Tails - Wednesday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Town Hall

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. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



About Canine Companions - Canine Companions was established in 1975 and is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. With six training centers spread across the US, Canine Companions is the largest provider of service dogs in the world. More can be read about their extraordinary work here: <https://canine.org/about/>.

Teen and Tween Leather Workshop - Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m., 2nd Floor Town Hall

Beginners to leatherworking and textiles are welcome to join us for this hands-on program. Each attendee will be given a base leather piece, which can be dyed, stamped, and worked with to create a unique backpack charm of their own. Attendees will also learn to punch holes, set rivets and eyelets, and attach a key ring.



This event is presented in partnership with the University Park Public Library. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-and-tween-leather-workshop-tickets-858984685317?aff=oddtcreator>.

APRIL 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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Third Thursday at 12:00 PM: Mindful Movement - Yoga in the Park, meets in Prather Park.

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. Please know story time on Friday, April 12 will only be at 10 :00 a.m. and will take place in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the program will move inside.*

April 2, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session

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

April 8, Monday Total Eclipse in the Park - Fairfax Park

10:00 a.m. All ages. Registration not required.

<https://tx-highlandpark2.civicplus.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1395>

April 12, Friday Traffic Safety Storytime - Prather Park

10:00 a.m. All ages story time. Registration not required.

<https://tx-highlandpark2.civicplus.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1402>

April 13, Saturday Twice Upon a Time Storytellers- HP Library

11:00 a.m. Suitable for adults and teens. Registration required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twice-upon-a-time-tickets-858235143417?aff=oddtcreator>

April 17, Wednesday Blood Drive - DPS 3rd Floor Training Room

10:00 a.m.. Timeslots are available every 15 minutes,

https://ww2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/150789

April 18, Thursday Mindful Movement Yoga - Prather Park

12:00 p.m. This class will move to the DPS Training Room if the weather is not suitable to be outside. No registration required.

April 23, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session

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

April 24, Wednesday Tall Tails - HP Library

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

April 27, Saturday Teen and Tween Leather Workshop - HP Library

2:00 p.m. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Registration required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-and-tween-leather-workshop-tickets-858984685317?aff=oddtcreator>



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