

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, at knelson@hptx.org, with your recommendations.



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

The Town's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event is on Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 3801 Lexington Avenue (HP Pool parking lot). Bring unused paint cans, chemicals, old cleaners, and any other items with a hazardous signal word: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, reactive, corrosive, or toxic.

Reservations are encouraged by calling Customer Service at (214) 521-4161 during normal business hours or online at www.hptx.org/recreation. At this time, the HHW event is for residents of Highland Park only.

The Park Cities Recycling Event is on Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at 3001 University Blvd. Bring documents for shredding, gently used items for donation, and electronics for recycling. No reservation needed! Learn more here: www.hptx.org/hhw.



Watch for updates on the grand reopening of Lakeside Park.

Visit the Town's [Project Update page](#) for more information.





General Tips When Calling 9-1-1 to Report an Emergency:

When to Use 9-1-1

9-1-1 should be called when an ambulance or fire unit is needed, or for a police emergency. A police emergency is defined as any situation involving an imminent threat to life or property and/or a crime in progress.

Prior to calling 9-1-1, move to a safe location if at all possible. As an example, evacuate the structure when reporting a fire or smell of smoke inside a home or other building.

Dial 9-1-1

1. What is the location of your emergency?

Be as precise as possible. Use landmarks such as parks, cross streets, or businesses to help guide first responders to the location of the emergency.

2. What is the emergency?

As you describe the emergency, the 9-1-1 Telecommunicator will ask a series of questions to best assist you and the first responders. Reporting an emergency is stressful but know the 9-1-1 Telecommunicator will help you to remain calm. Answer all questions as best you can and avoid ending the call prematurely until instructed to do so by the 9-1-1 Telecommunicator.

A note about the use of a cellular phone to call 9-1-1:

Cellular calls differ from landline calls in that address location information is often not available. Therefore, it is extremely important for you to stay on the line and give the exact location of the emergency to the 9-1-1 Telecommunicator. Though cellular towers attempt to route your call to the appropriate agency, there are times when your 9-1-1 call may be directed to an adjacent jurisdiction due to your physical proximity to a neighboring city. In the event your 9-1-1 call is answered by a call-taker in a neighboring jurisdiction, immediately ask to be transferred to the correct town or city where you are located.

Text to 9-1-1:

In 2018, Highland Park DPS implemented Text-to-9-1-1 for our area. Text-to-9-1-1 is the ability to send a text message to reach 9-1-1 Telecommunicators from your mobile phone or device. Put simply, in those emergencies where the situation is such that placing a voice call would put you in more danger, then text 9-1-1.

New Town Attorney

Mayor Will C. Beecherl swore in Susan Thomas, Senior Attorney with the Messer Fort law firm, as the Town of Highland Park Town Attorney at the April 23 Town Council Meeting.

Prior to her legal career with Messer Fort, Ms. Thomas worked with cities and counties to promote economic and community development, as well as serving as the public information officer, government channel manager, and policy advisor to the mayor in the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Ms. Thomas has taught undergraduate and graduate level classes in American National Government, Public Administration, and Public Policy and has directed strategic planning and vision planning sessions for multiple cities and non-profit organizations in both Arkansas and Texas.



Irrigation Schedule

The hot months of summer are soon approaching. Do you know what days you are allowed to water? 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).

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

Watering Responsibly

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

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

HP Swimming POOL

BOOK SWIM LESSONS
STARTING MAY 3



Pre-registration is open now for the 2024 Children's Summer Reading Club, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*, at hptx.beanstack.org. Participants can begin tracking points starting June 1.

Programs are available for ages 0 - 5 and readers in 1st - 6th grades. Teen Summer Reading registration is open to ages 10 and up, if preferred. Earn points, badges, and virtual certificates by logging minutes read, activities completed, and events attended.

Earn 150 points to receive a prize and Library staff will choose a book to donate in your name to Lena Pope, a nonprofit agency that advocates, serves, and empowers children who may be facing mental health challenges. Earn 300 points to receive a prize and a certificate of completion. For more information, please visit the Library's website, hplibrary.info.

Thank you to [Christine McKenny and Allie Beth Allman & Associates](#) for sponsoring summer reading.



Pre-registration is open now for the 2024 Adult Summer Reading Program, *Book Your Adventure*.

Read or listen to three (3) books and record their titles. Books may be from outside the Library's collection but must be adult or young adult level. Attendance at any adult library program or event during the challenge also counts. Just select the corresponding Activity Badge in Beanstack to earn credit for the event.

Complete the challenge for your chance to win the Summer Reading prize drawing. The drawing will be held after the challenge ends on August 3, 2024. Register at hptx.beanstack.com. For more information, please visit the Library's website, hplibrary.info.

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum Saturday, May 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 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 by Meadows Museum staff and SMU student Museum Experience Ambassadors. This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to six, but all are welcome.

See the Meadows Museum website, <https://meadowsmuseumdallas.org/>, for more information.



Mapping Your Ancestors Using Google Earth Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m., Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Learn how we can use this free tool along with some common land records to identify where our ancestors lived and what conditions were like for them.

Find out how to identify landmarks close to their homes which may lead to further discoveries.

Suitable for adults. Presented by Heroes of the Past lead genealogist, Jim Thornhill. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mapping-your-ancestors-using-google-earth-tickets-874500433337?aff=HPL>.



Tall Tails Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall 2nd Floor

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



Reading Vibes Only - Summer Book Bags for Adults are Back at the HP Library

Summer Book Bags are a FREE, packaged experience with personalized book recommendations and special items for you to keep.

Each bag will include 2-3 newer adult books based on your reading preferences, along with some fun, bookish surprises. Return the books by the due date. The other items are yours to keep.

Registration runs May 1 - 31, or until supplies are exhausted. Only available to adults with a Highland Park Library card.

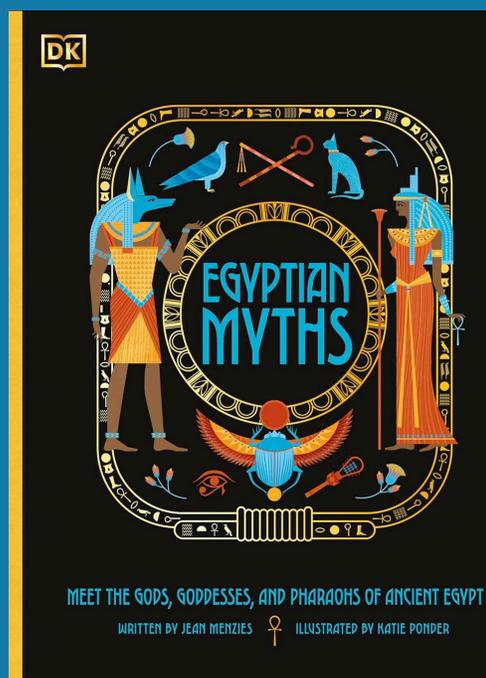
Visit the Library's website for more information and to register,

<https://www.hptx.org/967/Summer-Book-Bags>.

Bags will be ready to pick up on Friday, June 7.



HP Library: What to Check Out Next



Have a Mythic May! *Egyptian Myths* by Jean Menzies is a beautifully illustrated collection of 20 ancient Egyptian myths retold for children aged 7 to 9.

Delve into a world of monstrous creatures, magical spells, and warring gods in this thrilling compendium of ancient myths. This title is part of a series from DK Publishing; other books in the series include *Greek Myths* and *Norse Myths*.

Be sure to visit the Library to browse displays for more mythic titles. 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.

Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of the Town of Highland Park.

MAY 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 times on Friday, May 10 will take place in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the story times will be canceled.*

May 4, Saturday 10:30 a.m. **Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - 5900 Bishop Blvd, SMU campus
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Suitable for adults. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mapping-your-ancestors-using-google-earth-tickets-874500433337?aff=HPL>.

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For HP residents only. Reserve your time at hptx.org/recreation.

May 18, Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Park Cities Recycling Event** - 3001 University Blvd.
No reservation needed!

May 21, 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>.

May 24, Friday 10:00 a.m. **Summer Swim Season Opening Day** - HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue
Get your day pass or Season permit at hptx.org/recreation.

May 25, Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Memorial Day Cook-out at the Pool** - HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue
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.



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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

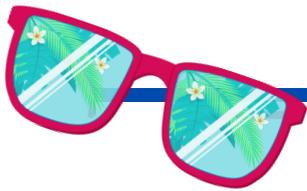
Independence Day, July 4

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](#).

