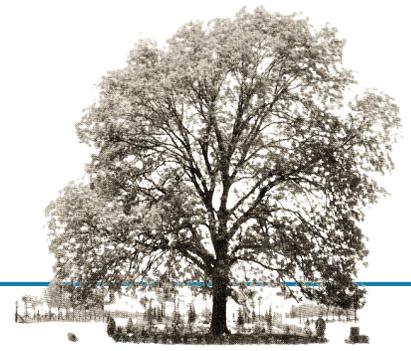


TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



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.



HP Alerts Community Notification System

What is HP ALERTS?

HP Alerts, powered by Genasys, Inc., is a mass communication system used by the Town of Highland Park to alert the community of emergency or urgent situations, including:

- Public Safety Topics
- Severe Weather
- Emergency Notifications
- Utility Shut-Offs
- Road Repairs
- Mosquito Spraying

Register Your Account

Community members and business owners are encouraged to sign up for alerts on the [HP registration portal](#). During the registration process, you can choose the types of alerts you receive and how to receive them, including landline, cell phone, text/SMS messages, email, and the mobile app. **You are encouraged to add your home address to receive targeted notifications by location.** After entering your home address, click "geolocate," "add/update," and then "Save." The information entered in the system is to communicate emergency and official town information only – neither Genasys nor The Town of Highland Park will share or sell your information.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HP ALERTS?

For questions, please contact Lt. Lance Koppa at 214-599-9487 or [email](#).



HPDPS to Host Self-Defense Courses

Highland Park DPS will be hosting two series of Women's Self-Defense Courses this summer, and one course is specifically designed for women and men ages 55 and older. Divided over the course of four Tuesdays, this series of self-defense courses will be taught once in July and then repeated in August. All classes will be held at Armstrong Elementary School, 3600 Cornell Avenue.

Series One: July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

- **Advanced** course from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - designed for teens and fit adults, this course will cover the standard course material but at a faster pace.
- **Adult** course from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - designed for females AND MALES ages 55 and older.
- **Standard** course from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - designed for females 14 years of age and older.

Series Two: August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

- **Advanced** course from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - designed for teens and fit adults, this course will cover the standard course material but at a faster pace.
- **Adult** course from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - designed for females AND MALES ages 55 and older.
- **Standard** course from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - designed for females 14 years of age and older.

There is no charge to attend the self-defense courses, and you do not have to be a resident of HP to attend. Self-defense techniques are a perishable skill; thus, we welcome any former participants to join a class for refresher training.

To register please complete the [registration forms](#) and email them to jrussell@hpdps.org. As a second option, you may drop the form off at HPDPS, 4700 Drexel Drive, Attention: Lt. Jessa Russell. Children under 18 years old must have a signed parental consent form. If you have already taken one of our courses, you do not need to complete the forms, but send Lt. Russell an email stating your plan to attend a class.

With the Summer Heat Fast Approaching, Let's Talk Irrigation...

Did you know, the greatest impact a resident will have in reducing consumption is through outdoor usage? Almost 50% of landscape water can be lost due to evaporation or runoff caused by overwatering. When a yard is watered too much, these irritating effects can happen:

- Roots do not grow deep into the soil.
- Watering too much at once can cause water to runoff into the street where it isn't needed.
- Creating a moist, shady environment encourages mosquitoes to nest there.



Check out this quick public service announcement addressing some common watering maintenance considerations: <https://youtu.be/esLZJhYvvJ8?si=dRGdg6zaFbahP600>.

It's always a good idea to ask your landscaping company to check your irrigation system for signs of needed repairs and maintenance annually. You could be losing water and be unaware of the problem.



Not sure if you are watering too much or too little?

We have ways to help! The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Water My Yard program is available to HP residents. The site collects local weather data through an extensive network of weather stations and rain gauges in sponsored areas across the County. The Water My Yard website was created by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and designed to provide homeowners guidance on when and how much water to use for their landscaping. Learn more here: <https://WaterMyYard.org>.

Check out the Town's website for water conservation information: www.hptx.org/WaterConservation.

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Baby Splash Story Time - Wednesday, June 19, July 17, and August 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the Highland Park Wading Pool

Book it to the pool this summer! Join us for a special read aloud at the Highland Park Wading Pool. Children can listen to stories, sing songs, and play games while splashing around! These events are hosted in collaboration with the HP Parks & Recreation Department. Suitable for parents, caregivers, and ages 3 or younger. [Registration required.](#)



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Please know there will not be regularly scheduled story times on Friday, June 7, 14, and 28. Instead the Library will have special summer reading events in Prather Park at 10:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the programs in the park will be canceled.

Blackland Prairie Raptor Center - June 7, 10:00 a.m., Prather Park

There are raptors in the park this summer! Blackland Prairie Raptor Center will provide a presentation introducing children to the world of raptors and birds-of-prey. These hawks, owls, and falcons are well trained and an important part of our environment. Discover their roles in the food chain, adaptations to hunt, and watch as they demonstrate their unique capabilities. Suitable for all ages. Attendees of this event can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal. [Register online.](#)



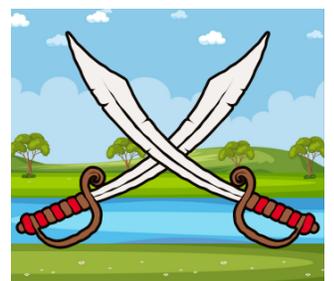
Summer Spectacular with DPS - June 14, 10:00 a.m., Prather Park

Visit and explore interactive stations provided by the Highland Park Library and the Highland Park Department of Public Safety (HP DPS). Have your face painted with a cool design, make some crafts, and enjoy an adventure-filled storytime! Suitable for all ages. Attendees can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal! This event is presented in partnership with the Parks Department and HP DPS. [Register online.](#)



The Duelists - June 28, 10:00 a.m., Prather Park

Join us for an exhibition of swordplay, using various methods and styles of fighting, as two duelists engage in an affair of honor! Both armed and unarmed combat are used in this program, which consists of both the exhibition of the fighting itself and demonstrations of how performers are trained to engage in stage combat. Suitable for ages 6 and up. Attendees of this event can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal! [Registration required.](#)



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Tall Tails - Wednesday, June 26, 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](#),



Flutopia: Flute Ensemble Concert – Saturday, June 29 at 11:00 a.m., 2nd Floor Town Hall

Enjoy the magic of Flutopia DFW in this live performance. Flutopia is a dedicated group of adult professional and amateur flutists from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex who love to perform music, enjoy camaraderie, and encourage musicianship. Join us for an hour of entertainment! Suitable for adults and families. [Registration required](#),



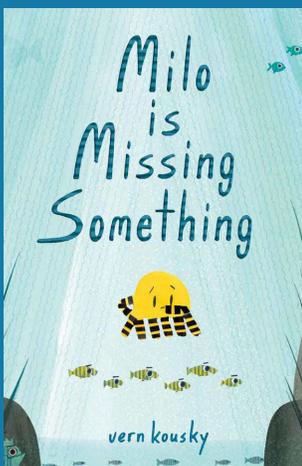
Whimsical Woodlands: Where Imagination Grows - Throughout June and July in the Library's Children's Room

Explore a forest straight out of a pop-up book this summer as the Children's Room is fern-tastically transformed for a limited time. Visitors can try to spot Bert the Bigfoot in the forest and browse materials to learn about nature, camping, and ways to craft a new adventure. 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 Whimsical Woodlands experience is generously funded by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation and features original artwork by local artist Amber Williams, <https://www.amberwilliamscreative.com>.

HP Library: What to Check Out Next

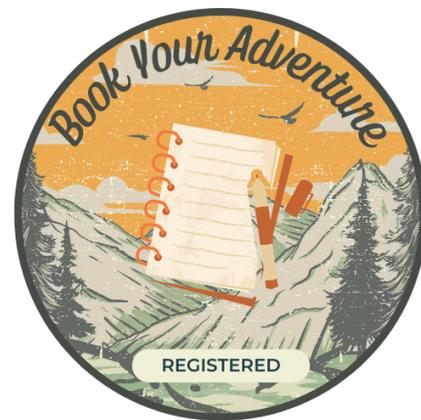


Go on an ocean adventure with Milo, a little yellow octopus, in *Milo is Missing Something* by Vern Kousky. Play hide-and-seek with hungry sharks, find sunken treasure, explore colorful coral reefs, and make new friends in the deep. Get ready for the heartwarming end, when Milo discovers what or should we say who he is missing.

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 www.hplibrary.info or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

Summer Reading *ADVENTURE*

Find and book your adventures this summer at the Library.



- **Children's Summer Reading** - Register for the 2024 Children's Summer Reading Club, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*, at hptx.beanstack.org. Programs are available for ages 0 - 5 and readers in 1st - 6th grades. Earn points, prizes, badges, and virtual certificates by logging minutes read, activities completed, and events attended.
- **Teen Summer Reading** - Register and participate online, at <http://universityparkpubliclibrary.readsquared.com>. Programs are available for ages 10-17. Children's Summer Reading registration is open to ages 10-12, if preferred. Log any amount of reading each week to enter weekly prize drawings
- **Adult Summer Reading** - 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.



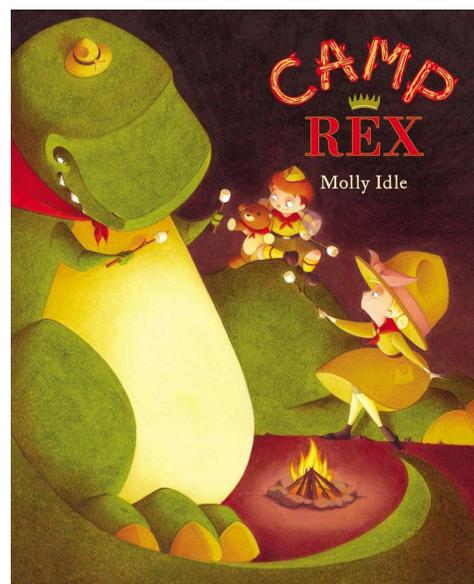
StoryWalk®



Celebrate Summer with a New StoryWalk® - The Town's Parks & Recreation Department and the HP Library are happy to bring another StoryWalk® opportunity to Prather Park.

Read a story, page by page, while walking through the park. Enjoy the book *Camp Rex*, written and illustrated by Molly Idle. What could be more fun than a camping trip with a good friend? When that friend is T. Rex!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



JUNE 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 there will not be regularly scheduled story times on Friday, June 7, 14, and 28. Instead the Library will have special summer reading events in Prather Park at 10 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the programs in the park will be canceled.

June 4, 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.

June 7, Friday Blackland Prairie Raptor Center - Prather Park

10:00 a.m. Suitable for all ages. [Register online](#).

June 14, Friday Summer Spectacular with DPS - Prather Park

10:00 a.m. Suitable for all ages. [Register online](#).

June 18, 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.

June 19, Wednesday Baby Splash Story Time- HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue

10:00 a.m. These events are hosted in collaboration with the HP Parks Department. Suitable for parents, caregivers, and children ages 3 or younger. [Registration required](#).

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HP Swimming POOL

Lessons and swim conditioning program are now open for registration

Regular Season Hours

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.



Holiday Hours

Independence Day, July 4

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Open swim only due to Independence Day Parade.



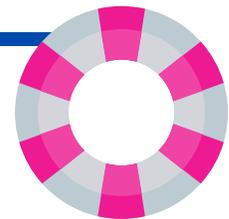
Labor Day, September 2

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

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](#).

FAMILY PROGRAMS

@ THE MEADOWS MUSEUM

Scan the QR code for more info and to register!



CONNECT & CREATE

FIRST SATURDAYS OF MOST MONTHS

10:30–11:30 A.M. | FOR AGES 4-6

Join the museum and Highland Park Library for a new creative experience every month. Each session includes hands-on making and story time.



OPEN STUDIO

THIRD WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

1–4 P.M. | FOR ALL AGES

Drop by the Studio each month for a new art project inspired by works on view in the galleries. All materials will be provided.

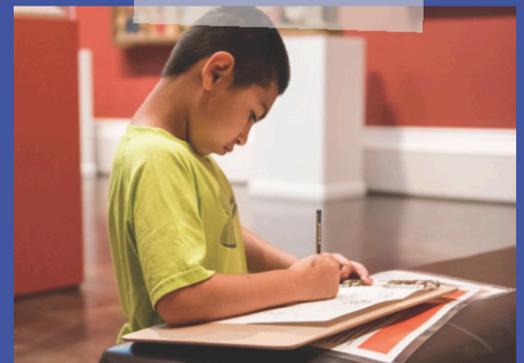
FREE

CHILDREN'S DRAWING FROM THE MASTERS

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3:30–4:30 P.M. | FOR AGES 5-12

Enjoy afternoons of informal drawing instruction with artist and elementary art teacher Ian O'Brien.



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214.768.2516
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PROGRAMAS FAMILIARES

@ THE MEADOWS MUSEUM

¡Escaneen el Código QR para más información y para inscribirse!



CONECTAR Y CREAR

LOS PRIMEROS SÁBADOS DE LA MAYORÍA DE LOS MESES

10:30–11:30 A.M. | PARA EDADES DE 4-6 AÑOS

Únanse al museo y la Biblioteca de Highland Park para una nueva experiencia creativa cada mes. Cada sesión incluye una actividad interactiva y cuentacuentos.



ESTUDIO ABIERTO

**CADA TERCER FIN DE SEMANA DEL MES
1–4 P.M. | PARA TODAS LAS EDADES**

Pasen por el estudio cada mes para crear un nuevo proyecto de arte inspirado por las exposiciones en la galerías. Se proveen todos los materiales artísticos.

DIBUJO INFANTIL INSPIRADO POR LOS MAESTROS

CADA TERCER DOMINGO DEL MES

3:30–4:30 P.M. | PARA EDADES DE 5-12 AÑOS

Disfruten de una tarde de dibujo informal, dirigido por el artista y maestro de arte Ian O'Brien.

