

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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Welcome to the Monarch Herald, your source for updates on new services, events, activities, and other important information in the Town of Highland Park. We aim to keep you informed and engaged with our community. If you have suggestions for topics you'd like to see covered, please let us know. Contact Sofia Tarango, Administrative Assistant, at starango@hptx.org or call (214) 559-9308 with your ideas and recommendations.



HHW Event This Month

If you have household hazardous waste items that need disposal, Public Works will host the **Fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Collection** event on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 3801 Lexington Avenue (HP Pool parking lot). Bring items such as unused paint cans, chemicals, old cleaners, and any other items labeled with hazardous signal words: 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 CivicRec. At this time, the HHW event is offered to Highland Park residents only. For more information, visit: www.hptx.org/hhw.

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: [DCHCCC Household Chemical Checklist](#). There are also great tips on safer products to use instead of hazardous chemicals.



happy fall

TOWN HALL CLOSURES

Veterans Day, Nov 11 - Closed

Thanksgiving Day, Nov 28 - Closed

Day After Thanksgiving, Nov 29 - Closed (Library Open)



Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Please note that the garbage collection schedule will be adjusted for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: Regular collection

Thursday: Picked up on Wednesday, November 27

Friday: Regular collection

The Holiday Trash Collection schedule can always be viewed online at www.hptx.org/HolidayTrashSchedule.

Understanding FOGs and Proper Disposal



FOGs (Fats, Oils, and Grease) include items such as cooking oil, butter, lard, shortening, margarine, gravy, sauces, meats, sour cream, and mayonnaise. Disposing of these greasy materials down the sink can result in clogged sanitary sewer lines. To learn more about preventing FOG buildup, visit: www.hptx.org/FOGs.

Are you frying a turkey this year? Not sure how to dispose of used cooking oil? Residents can utilize the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) On-call Curbside Collection service. To learn more about this service, visit: www.hptx.org/hhw.

Prather Park Pickleball Courts Installation

The west side (from the creek to Drexel Drive) of Prather Park will be closed as Tennis Court #1 is converted into four pickleball courts. Construction began in October, with completion expected in Spring 2025, weather permitting.

For more information, visit: www.hptx.org/ParkProjects.



TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 5, 2024
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Landmark Pecan Tree
4202 Armstrong Parkway





E.D.I.T.H. "Exit Drills In The Home"

Preparing for an emergency is crucial, as most home fires occur at night. E.D.I.T.H. can help ensure you and your family know how to escape safely. The NFPA provides informative flyers to assist with home evacuation plans, available at the [NFPA Escape Planning](#) webpage.

Key Steps for Emergency Preparedness:

1. **Smoke Alarms:** Ensure you have smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Test them regularly.
2. **Escape Plan (E.D.I.T.H.):** Gather your household to create an escape plan, marking two ways out of each room and ensuring escape routes are clear.
3. **Meeting Place:** Choose a safe outdoor meeting location a reasonable distance from your home.
4. **Children's Awareness:** Make sure young children memorize their home address.



5. **Assistance for Vulnerable Individuals:** Assign someone to assist infants, older adults, or those with mobility limitations, with a backup person.

6. **Immediate Action:** When the smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately and go to your designated meeting place. Never re-enter a burning building. Inform the 9-1-1 operator if someone is missing.

7. **Odor Emergencies:** If you smell smoke, electrical burning, or natural gas, exit to your designated meeting place and call 9-1-1 immediately. HPDPS has equipment to detect unseen hazards.

8. **Non-Odor Emergencies:** Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas that is extremely dangerous. For carbon monoxide alarms, call HPDPS immediately to test air quality in your home. If you believe that you or a family member has been exposed to carbon monoxide (e.g., headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion), move to your designated meeting place and call 9-1-1 right away.

9. **Visibility for Responders:** Ensure your house or apartment number is clearly visible and legible from the road on the front and add your house number on the rear portion of the back fence that faces the alley/easement.

Unwrap Knowledge: Tis the Season for Researching!

Are you preparing to host family and friends or searching for the perfect gifts this season? The library offers online access to Consumer Reports. Find the best kitchen appliances, including a guide to buying air fryers, for making your next gathering easier. Use the expert reviews and unbiased testing of Consumer Reports to help research electronics from cell phones to video game consoles and smart watches for making the right gift choices.

Visit the library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/872/Investing>, to learn more about Consumer Reports online and other databases available to library card holders.

Join Us: Protecting Against Elder Financial Fraud

On Saturday, November 9th, from 11:00 am to 12:00 p.m., you're invited to an enlightening session on fraud schemes and crimes that target senior adults. Discover why seniors are particularly vulnerable to financial fraud and gain valuable steps to protect yourself and your loved ones.

This presentation will be led by subject matter expert Steve Benton, Elder Financial Safety Center Financial Coach and Counselor at The Senior Source, who specializes in complex cases like fraud, scams, and elder financial abuse. With over forty years in the financial services industry and extensive experience in various roles, Steve offers invaluable insights into safeguarding older adults from financial threats.

Don't miss this opportunity to help safeguard your financial well-being. This presentation will be held on the second floor of Town Hall. Take a moment to register online via Eventbrite: [Register Here](#).

Steve, a Dallas native and TCU grad, has been dedicated to The Senior Source since 2010. His expertise has been highlighted on local TV news and featured in podcasts focused on senior scams and fraud.

We hope to see you there!



HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Color Analysis for Teens - Saturday, November 2, at 2:00 p.m., 2nd Floor Town Hall
Style Coach Bethany Siggins loves helping her clients understand their personal style and learn their color palette. In this engaging, interactive workshop, Bethany will teach participants about image basics, walk them through identifying their personal style, and show them how to discover their best colors. Bethany helps participants focus on the positives, increasing their self-confidence, so they can authentically be themselves through their image every day. This program is presented in partnership with the University Park Public Library. Suitable for ages 10 and up. [Registration](#) is required.



Diamond Painting - Saturday, Nov 16, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Town Hall
Discover the art of diamond painting and find your next craft obsession. This trending art form breaks down images into patterns. Combining the concepts of mosaic art and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting uses tiny rhinestones on adhesive to create a glittering, multi-dimensional picture.



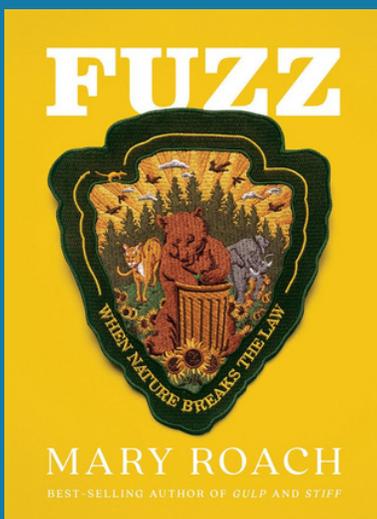
Every participant will receive a small diamond painting kit, so you can complete your project at home if needed. Suitable for adults 18 and up. [Registration](#) is required.

Tall Tails - Wednesday, November 20 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.



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 U.S., 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/>.

What to Read Next



Do you think fiction has the most captivating stories? Why not explore a Nonfiction November this year with *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach. Just imagine jaywalking animals, bears breaking and entering, birds that steal from tourists, and more unbelievable tales from the often-quirky intersections between human law and the animal kingdom.

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.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Every Tuesday at 11:45 AM: Mindful Meditation - Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM: Mindful Movement - Yoga - Flippen Park

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

Every Thursday at 10:45 AM: Baby Bounce, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

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 are required for entry to Story Time on Fridays. Tickets are free and available at the Library Circulation Desk each Friday.*

November 2, Saturday **Color Analysis for Teens** - 2nd Floor of Town Hall
2:00 p.m. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/color-analysis-for-teens-tickets-1036973534757?aff=oddtcreator>.

November 5, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Town Hall Council Chambers
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available online <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

November 9, Saturday **HHW Drop-off Event** - 3801 Lexington Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration encouraged through www.hptx.org/recreation.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Protecting Against Elder Financial Fraud** - Library
Suitable for ages 18 and up. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elder-frauds-scams-and-financial-exploitation-tickets-1048934871437>.

November 11, Monday **Town Hall offices and Library are closed for Veteran's Day.**

November 16, Saturday **Diamond Painting** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diamond-painting-fall-tickets-1010856477937?aff=oddtcreator>.

November 20, Wednesday **Tall Tails** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
4:30 p.m. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

November 28, Thursday **Town Hall offices and Library are closed.**
Thanksgiving Day Thursday's residential trash collection will be Wednesday, November 27.

November 29, Friday **Town Hall offices closed. Library remains open.**
HP Library open regular hours, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

BENEFITING CROSSROADS
FOOD PANTRY

COLLECTING ITEMS FROM
OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 16, 2024

Accepting nonperishable food items, such as:

- Canned soup
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Canned fish
- Dried beans
- Pasta, Rice
- Peanut butter

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



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